

***** Notice to Exhibitors (2) *****
Food Related Laws and Regulations

Exhibitors are requested to read through the below and ensure complete compliance with all the stated laws, regulations and conditions.

The exhibitor agrees to comply with all the laws, regulations and conditions mentioned, and to exempt the Hong Kong Trade Development Council and Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (Management) Limited from and indemnify them against all liabilities whatsoever incurred from any complaint lodged or proceedings instituted by any person arising from any offence committed under the laws and regulations by the exhibitor.

Food Laws of Hong Kong

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) have set forth very strict rules and regulations relating to sale of food in Hong Kong. Any food, whether imported or locally produced, intended for sale in Hong Kong shall comply with the local food laws including but not limited to the list below:

- (1) Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132)
 - (a) Part V — (Food and Drugs) of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132 of Laws of Hong Kong);
 - (b) Abattoirs Regulation (Cap. 132A)
 - (c) Colouring Matter in Food Regulations (Cap.132H);
 - (d) Dried Milk Regulations (Cap.132R);
 - (e) Sweeteners in Food Regulations (Cap.132U);
 - (f) Food Adulteration (Metallic Contamination) Regulations (Cap.132V);
 - (g) Food and Drugs (Composition and Labeling) Regulations (Cap.132W);
 - (h) Food Business Regulation (Cap.132X);
 - (i) Frozen Confections Regulation (Cap.132AC);
 - (j) Harmful Substances in Food Regulations (Cap.132AF);
 - (k) Imported Game, Meat and Poultry Regulations (Cap.132AK);
 - (l) Milk Regulation (Cap.132AQ);
 - (m) Mineral Oil in Food Regulations (Cap.132AR);
 - (n) Preservatives in Food Regulation (Cap.132BD);
 - (o) Slaughterhouses Regulation (Cap.132BU); and
 - (p) Smokeless Tobacco Products (Prohibition) Regulations (Cap.132BW)
 - (q) Pesticide Residues in Food Regulation (Cap.132CM).
 - (r) Control of Cannabidiol (“CBD”) in Hong Kong under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Cap. 134 of Laws of Hong Kong)

The full text of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance and its subsidiary legislations can be downloaded at <https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/>.

(2) Food Safety Ordinance (Cap. 612)

The Food Safety Ordinance provides a tracing mechanism for food safety in Hong Kong, which comprises a registration scheme for food importers and distributors and a record-keeping scheme prescribed for all food importers and distributors in relation to movement of food.

According to the Ordinance, “Food” includes –

- (a) drink;
- (b) ice;
- (c) chewing gum and other products of a similar nature and use;
- (d) smokeless tobacco products; and
- (e) articles and substances used as ingredients in the preparation of food,
but does not include –
 - (f) live animals or live birds, other than live aquatic products;
 - (g) fodder or feeding stuffs for animals, birds or aquatic products; or
 - (h) medicine as defined by section 2(1) of the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance (Cap. 138) or Chinese herbal medicine or proprietary Chinese medicine as defined by

section 2(1) of the Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap. 549).

“Food importer” means a person who carries on a business which brings or causes to be brought any food into Hong Kong by air, land or sea.

“Food distributor” means a person who carries on a business of which the principal activity is wholesale supply of food in Hong Kong. This also includes in general food producers (like fish/vegetables farmers and fishermen) and food manufacturers who supply their products by wholesale.

Registration scheme

The Ordinance requires any person who carries on a food importation/ distribution business to register with Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene as a food importer/ food distributor. Any person who does not register with FEHD as a food importer/distributor but carries on a food importation or distribution business commits an offence and is liable to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and imprisonment for 6 months.

For details of the registration scheme, exhibitors should refer to the FEHD’s publication “A Guide to the Registration Scheme for Food Importers and Food Distributors” available at the website of Centre for Food Safety at www.cfs.gov.hk.

Record-keeping requirements

The Ordinance requires any person who, in the course of business, imports, acquires or supplies by wholesale food in Hong Kong to keep transaction records of the business from which it acquired the food and the business to which it supplied the food. Any person who captures local aquatic products and in the course of business, supplies them in Hong Kong is also required to keep the capture record.

Failure to comply with the record-keeping requirement is an offence under the Ordinance and upon conviction a person is liable to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and imprisonment for 3 months.

There is no stipulated format for the records of each transaction to be maintained but such records should cover the following information as required under Part 3 of the Food Safety Ordinance:

(A) Record of local acquisition of food (Local acquisition record)

A person who, in the course of business, acquires food in Hong Kong must record the following information about the acquisition –

- (a) the date the food was acquired;
- (b) the name and contact details of the seller;
- (c) the total quantity of the food;
- (d) a description of the food.

The record must be made within 72 hours after the time the food was acquired.

(B) Record of acquisition of imported food (Import record)

A person who, in the course of business, imports food acquired outside Hong Kong must record the following information about the acquisition –

- (a) the date the food was acquired;
- (b) the name and contact details of the seller;
- (c) the place from where the food was imported;
- (d) the total quantity of the food;
- (e) a description of the food.

The record must be made at or before the time the food is imported.

(C) Record of capture of local aquatic products (Capture record)

A person who captures local aquatic products and who, in the course of business, supplies them in Hong Kong must record the following information about the capture –

- (a) the date or period of the capture;
- (b) the common name of the local aquatic products;
- (c) the total quantity of the local aquatic products;
- (d) the area of the capture

Exhibitors are required to fulfill their obligation in keeping records of their food products by following the

Code of Practice on Keeping Records Relating to Food issued under section 43 of the Ordinance which can be downloaded from the website of Centre for Food Safety at www.cfs.gov.hk

The full text of the Ordinance can be downloaded at <https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/> and Guidelines on the operation of the Ordinance issued by the Centre for Food Safety can be downloaded from the website of Centre for Food Safety at www.cfs.gov.hk

Exhibitors of the World of Snacks must comply with all the laws and regulations relating to food. Exhibitors are deemed to have notice of the latest Food Laws in Hong Kong and have complied with any amended Food Laws once the amended laws have been posted on the website of Centre for Food Safety at www.cfs.gov.hk

The following is a summary of some of the regulations and conditions for Exhibitors' compliance:

(1) Selling and Dispensing Food or Beverages

- Any food or beverages for on-site sale should be seal-packaged.
- For all on-site retail sale, **exhibitors should offer proper receipts to consumers**. The receipts should clearly indicate the company name of the exhibitor, the transaction date and amount.
- **Exhibitors are NOT allowed to cook or reheat any food items for sale.**

(2) Fire Regulation

No open fire is allowed at the fairground for any purpose.

[For inquiries, please contact HKTDC (852) 2240 4470].

(3) Food Labelling

All pre-packaged food and beverages exhibited or offered at the World of Snacks must comply with the Food and Drug (Composition and Labelling) Regulations (Cap.132W) to have the prescribed label and nutrition label written in Chinese, English or both.

[For inquiries, please contact Centre for Food Safety at (852) 2868 0000 or visit its website at www.cfs.gov.hk.]

(4) Undesirable Medical Advertisements Ordinance

Any exhibits, which include any kind of medicament, other curative or preventive substance or orally consumed products except those customarily consumed as food or drink, and whether a proprietary medicine, a patent medicine, or purported natural remedy, must conform to the requirements under the Undesirable Medical Advertisements Ordinance (Cap. 231) on labeling and advertisements. Any labeling or advertisement should not contravene the provisions of the Ordinance. [For inquiries, please contact the Department of Health at (852) 2961 8989 or (852) 2961 8991 or visit its website at <http://www.dh.gov.hk/>.]

(5) Registration of Proprietary Chinese Medicines

According to Chinese Medicine Ordinance (Cap 549), all proprietary Chinese medicines must first be registered by the Chinese Medicines Board of the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong before they can be imported, manufactured or sold in Hong Kong. All proprietary Chinese medicines must also carry a prescribed label and be attached with package insert according to the provision of the Ordinance.

[For inquiries, please contact the Secretariat of the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong at (852) 2121 1888 or <http://www.cmchk.org.hk>.]

(6) Product Genuineness & Product Labelling

Please note that the Organisers and Po Sau Tong Ginseng & Antler Association Hong Kong Limited, sponsor of the World of Snacks, have the sole discretion to examine or test any ginseng, antler, dried seafood or Chinese soup ingredients which are suspected to be not genuine.

(7) Retail Sales Activities for Overseas Exhibitors

According to the provisions of the Immigration Ordinance (Cap. 115), all exhibitors who are not ordinary residents of Hong Kong will be required to obtain a "Temporary Work Visa" when they participate in a public fair in Hong Kong involving retail sales activities; unless a local representative is employed to conduct retail sales activities and the handling of proceeds.

[For inquiries, please contact Immigration Department of the HKSAR at (852) 2824 6111, by fax (852) 2877 7711 or through the Internet <http://www.immd.gov.hk/>.]

Conditions on Selling and Dispensing Food or Beverages

To comply with the provisions of the Food Safety Ordinance Cap 612, all exhibitors intending to import or distribute food in the World of Snacks are required to register with or obtain exemption from the FEHD. Application forms and Guidelines on the operation of the Ordinance can be obtained from the Center for Food Safety at 43/F Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong or downloaded at its

website at: www.cfs.gov.hk.

[For inquiries, please contact Centre for Food Safety at: (852) 2868 0000 or www.cfs.gov.hk]

In addition to the provisions of the Food Safety Ordinance, the following conditions on selling and dispensing food or beverages must be observed and complied with by all exhibitors:

Food Permits and Licences

1. All food and beverages exhibited at the World of Snacks must be in hygienic condition of the highest standard and must be fit for human consumption. For the sake of public health, the Organisers maintain the right to demand for valid certificates on the food product quality issued by the relevant health and food safety authorities upon request during the Fair period. If the Organisers have any suspicion on any of the exhibits, given all the circumstantial supportive factors, it may call for immediate removal of the concerned items from display and from sale. In the incidence that repeated verbal warnings are in vain, the Organisers may terminate the exhibitors' right to continue participating in the Fair with immediate effect. Please ensure that there are no fake or unhygienic food products at the fairground.
2. Only pre-packaged food samples i.e. samples of any food packaged, whether completely or partially, in such a way that the contents cannot be altered without opening or changing the packaging, the food in which is ready for presentation to the visitors as a single food item, can be sold to the visitors at the exhibition venue.
3. All exhibits must be within the expiry date of consumption, which must be clearly marked on the containers or packers or otherwise for pre-packaged exhibits.
4. All sales of beverages must be closed and sealed to prevent spilling.
5. The latest Food Laws in Hong Kong shall become effective immediately upon posting of the same on the website of Centre for Food Safety at www.cfs.gov.hk. Once the amended laws have been posted, exhibitors will be deemed to have notice of the same and have complied with the amended laws.
6. Depending on the nature of the exhibits, exhibitors will be required to apply for food permits/licences from the FEHD. Any such food permit / licence obtained by the exhibitors must be displayed at an eye-catching location in the booth and have to be copied to HKTDC at least 30 days before the commencement of the World of Snacks; or if such permit / license is not available 30 days before the commencement of the World of Snacks, we shall submit copies of the application for the permit and/or license filed with the FEHD and the FEHD's written acknowledgment of the same to HKTDC at least [30] days before the commencement of the World of Snacks 2024 for records and shall provide a copy of the permit and/or license to HKTDC for records as soon as (and in any event not later than [7] days) the permit and/or license has been granted by the FEHD. The Organisers reserve the right to discontinue any sale if the exhibitor fails to present the said permit / licence and/or documents by the deadline.

On-site Food-processing Activities and Storage

7. No open fire is allowed at the fairground and all exhibitors should note that no elaborate food preparation processes are allowed at the exhibitors' booth(s).
8. Upon signing the World of Snacks Application Form and Declaration the exhibitor agrees to comply with the said conditions, and to exempt HKTDC and Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (Management) Limited from, and indemnify them against all liabilities whatsoever incurred from any complaint lodged or proceedings instituted by any person arising from food provided by the exhibitor or any offence committed by the exhibitor.
9. All exhibitors should ensure that storage of food items should be under temperature-controlled conditions in refrigerators, freezers or other appropriate appliances of good and proper working condition. Prior arrangements should be made with HKTDC for the supply of 24-hour electricity throughout the duration of the exhibition. (Please refer to "Additional Facilities and Services Order Form").

Conditions on Tasting, Supply and/or Sale of Alcoholic Beverages

- Exhibitors are not allowed to conduct sales and/or tasting of alcoholic beverages in the World of Snacks fair.

Product Genuineness

To protect the welfare of the visitors, products sold, dispensed, promoted or displayed at the World of Snacks must be genuine and conform to the labels affixed to them and their package insert.

Government Officials from FEHD, Department of Health, Customs & Excise Department, Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong as well as the Consumer Council, will also conduct regular inspections onsite during the Fair period.

**Guidelines on Processing Food & Beverages**

For the sake of public hygiene, exhibitors should follow the Food Hygiene Code issued by the FEHD in processing food and beverages and strictly follow the guidelines below.

- Exhibitors should have their body temperature measured daily before entering the fairground. If you do not feel well, especially when you have a fever (body temperature higher than 38°C/100.4°F) and/or respiratory symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, do not attend the function. Consult a doctor promptly.
- Exhibitors are strongly recommended that any food or beverages for free tasting should be well packaged or well covered and to be served on one-to-one basis in small quantity. Staff dispensing food or beverages is strongly recommended to wear face masks, gloves and clean clothing. All food, beverages and tableware must be stored and covered properly.
- Any food or beverages for on-site sale should be sealed packaged.
- Maintain good personal hygiene. Wash your hands with liquid soap, and then dry with a disposable towel or a hand drier before processing food, after going to the toilet, when your hands are contaminated by respiratory droplets or other bodily secretions or after touching rubbish.
- Do not cough or sneeze toward any food and beverages. Do not spit or litter.
- All exhibitors should ensure that exhibits are displayed only in the stands specifically assigned to them and that they keep their stand dry, clean and tidy. All rubbish or packing materials should be disposed of in the garbage bags and placed in the refuse collection area in the exhibition venue at the end of an exhibition day.
- Exhibitors should keep potentially hazardous food at 4°C or below, or at 60°C or higher. If the food items are frozen, they must be stored frozen (preferably stored at -18°C or below). Potentially hazardous food that is intended for immediate consumption may be displayed or held for service at temperatures between 4°C and 60°C for a period of not more than 4 hours, otherwise it should be discarded.

[The Food Hygiene Code issued by the FEHD can be downloaded at

https://www.fehd.gov.hk/english/publications/code/code_all.pdf]

Regulations on Sales of Restricted Food**Restricted Foods**

According to the provisions of the Food Business Regulation (Subsidiary Legislation X of Chapter 132 of the Laws of Hong Kong), no person shall sell, or offer or expose for sale, or possess for sale the following kinds of food and beverages which are restricted foods in Hong Kong except with the relevant licences or permits issued by the FEHD:

1. (a) Fresh meat;
(b) Chilled meat other than pre-packaged chilled beef, mutton or pork;
(c) Pre-packaged chilled beef, mutton or pork;
(d) Frozen meat;
2. Fresh, chilled or frozen game;
3. Fresh, chilled, frozen or live fish, excluding live fish on a fish farm;
4. (a) Live water birds, excluding live water birds on a poultry farm or in a wholesale market;
(b) Other live poultry, excluding live poultry on a poultry farm or in a wholesale market;
(c) Fresh, chilled or frozen poultry carcass;
5. Fresh, chilled or frozen shell fish, excluding shell fish collected in the Hong Kong Harbour and Harbour in Aberdeen which is prohibited food;
6. Imported cooked or dried meat or imported meat which has been otherwise treated or prepared, unless such food is to be sold in an unopened hermetically sealed container or, until the time it is about to be used in the preparation of any article of food, such food is contained in an unopened hermetically sealed container;
7. Imported intestines or other parts of any animal which are prepared in the form of sausage casings, unless such food is to be sold in an unopened hermetically sealed container or, until the time it is about to be used in the preparation of any article of food, such food is contained in an unopened hermetically sealed container;



8. Imported pies, sausages or other prepared or manufactured articles of food which contain any meat or cooked or dried meat other than fat, unless such food is to be sold in an unopened hermetically sealed container or, until the time it is about to be used in the preparation of any article of food, such food is contained in an unopened hermetically sealed container;
9. Milk or any milk beverages, being milk or a milk beverage to which the Milk Regulation (Cap 132AQ) applies;
- 10.(a) Soft ice cream;
(b) Other frozen confections;
11. Chinese herb tea;
12. Non-bottled drinks (which generally mean drinks prepared for immediate consumption but required no storage in sealed bottles, cans or other containers, e.g. fresh fruit juice, diluted drinks prepared from concentrates, soya bean juice and drinks sold from a manual dispensing machine);
13. Siu Mei (燒味) or Lo Mei (滷味);
14. Cut fruit;
15. Leung Fan (涼粉), unless such food is to be sold in an unopened hermetically sealed container or, until the time it is about to be used in the preparation of any article of food, such food is contained in an unopened hermetically sealed container;
16. Man Tau Lo (饅頭籮);
17. Food sold by means of a vending machine;
18. Sashimi;
19. Sushi;
20. Oyster to be eaten in raw state; or
21. Meat to be eaten in raw state.

Note: According to the “Guide to Import of Game, Meat and Poultry into Hong Kong” published by the Food Safety Centre, the word “chilled” can be referred to the pre-chilling process of food with subsequent storage at a temperature between 0°C and 4°C. Similarly, according to the “Food Hygiene Code” issued by the FEHD, the word “frozen” can be referred to the state in which the temperature of a food is reduced below its freezing point and the majority of the water inside the food undergoes a change in state to form ice crystals. To maintain the quality of frozen food, a temperature of –18°C or less is preferred.

In addition to the provisions of the Food Business Regulation, Exhibitors must observe the provisions in the Import and Export Ordinance (Chapter 60 of the Laws of Hong Kong) concerning the import of food and also the provisions of the Imported Game, Meat and Poultry Regulations (Chapter 132AK of the Laws of Hong Kong) concerning the import of game, meat and poultry into Hong Kong.

Sale of Restricted Foods

Exhibitors who intend to conduct sale of any of the above restricted foods in the World of Snacks are required to obtain the necessary Restricted Food Permit and/or a Composite Food Shop Licence from the FEHD. Exhibitors should submit copy of the permits / licences to HKTDC at least 30 days before the commencement of the World of Snacks for records; or if such permit and/or license is not available 30 days before the commencement of the World of Snacks, Exhibitors shall submit copies of the application for the permit and/or license filed with the FEHD and the FEHD’s written acknowledgment of the same to HKTDC at

least [30] days before the commencement of the World of Snacks for records and shall provide a copy of the permit and/or license to HKTDC for records as soon as (and in any event not later than [7] days) the permit and/or license has been granted by the FEHD.

The Form of Application for Restricted Food Permit (FEHB95), Application Form for Composite Food Shop Licence (FEHB244) and the Form of Application for a Temporary Food Factory Licence (FEHB201) can be downloaded from the website of FEHD at https://www.fehd.gov.hk/english/forms/index_forms.html. For enquiries, please call the 24-hour hotline of FEHD at (852) 2868 0000.

Regulations on Importation of Food Products

Food importers, through close liaison with exporting countries, are responsible for ensuring that food items they procure comply with the local legislation. To help ensure hygienic standards of food, importers are encouraged to obtain health certificates issued by health authorities of countries of origin to accompany their imports certifying that the food products concerned are fit for human consumption.

There are specific legal requirements or administrative arrangements for the import of the following selected food items due to their perishable or high-risk nature:

- (a) game, meat, poultry and eggs;
- (b) milk and milk beverages;
- (c) frozen confections; and
- (d) marine products.

FEHD has prepared individual leaflets advising on the proper procedures for importing the above food items respectively:

- Guide to Import of Mainland Chilled Chickens into Hong Kong
- Guide to Import of Food into Hong Kong
- Guide to Import of Milk and Milk Beverages into Hong Kong
- Guide to Import of Frozen Confections into Hong Kong
- Guide to Import of Game, Meat and Poultry and Eggs into Hong Kong
- Guide to Import of Marine Products into Hong Kong
- Guide to Application for Import Licence for Frozen Meat, Chilled Meat, Frozen Poultry and Chilled Poultry
- Guide to Application for Permission in Writing for Import of Eggs
- Guide to Frozen meat destined for Hong Kong from overseas temporarily stored in Qianhaiwan Bonded Port Area of Shenzhen before its importation into Hong Kong in batches
- Guide to Import of Beef, Pork and Mutton from European Union Member States into Hong Kong
- Guide to import of beef, pork and mutton derived from animals born and raised in the Republic of Ireland (RoI) or the United Kingdom (UK), slaughtered in the RoI or the UK, packed in the UK and exported from the UK to Hong Kong

These leaflets can be collected at the Centre for Food Safety of FEHD at 43/F, Queensway Government Offices, 66 Queensway, Hong Kong or browsed at: the website of Centre for Food Safety at www.cfs.gov.hk

◆ Health Certificate by Local Health Authority on Food Products

- Regardless of the type of food product, exhibitors are required to present a health certificate issued by their respective local health authority for importation into Hong Kong. A copy of the health certificate should be forwarded to HKTDC at least 30 days before the commencement of the World of Snacks for records.

◆ Close Watch on Latest News Regarding Food Safety

- Exhibitors should keep a close watch on the latest news published by the Centre for Food Safety on its website at www.cfs.gov.hk to ensure their display and/or promoted food products are safe for public consumption.

◆ Prior Approval for Importation of Restricted Food Items

- The importations of restricted food items require prior approval for importation from FEHD. These restricted items include frozen confections (including ice cream), milk and milk beverages, etc. A copy of the approval, if applicable, should be forwarded to HKTDC at least 30 days before the commencement of the World of Snacks for records.
- The application forms are downloadable from the website of FEHD at: <http://www.fehd.gov.hk/english/forms/fehb95.pdf>.

◆ Regulated Items

- There are specific legal and administrative requirements under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap.132) for the import of any food containing regulated items such as added colouring matter, metal, artificial sweeteners, aflatoxins, erucic acid and/or other prohibited substances, preservatives and/or antioxidants and endangered species ingredients. Exhibitors are required to conform with these requirements to ensure that their products are fit for local sale or consumption.
- Further information on importation of regulated items can be found at the websites of Customs & Excise Department at www.customs.gov.hk and the Centre for Food Safety of FEHD at www.cfs.gov.hk.

◆ **Freight Forwarder**

- Exhibitors may contact any Freight Forwarder for further details regarding importation of food products. The contacts of some Freight Forwarders are listed on the website of Hong Kong Exhibitions and Convention Industry Association (HKECIA) at <https://www.exhibitions.org.hk/en/member-directory>.

Food & Drugs (Composition and Labelling) Regulations

The Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) Regulations (Cap. 132W of the Laws of Hong Kong SAR) make it mandatory for all prepackaged food, infant formula and follow-up formula to carry a prescribed label of prepackaged food and a nutrition label marked or labeled with its energy value and nutrient. Both labels shall be in either the English or the Chinese language or in both languages.

Violation of the Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) Regulations is an offence. Offenders found guilty are liable to a fine of up to HK\$50,000 and to imprisonment of up to 6 months.

Unless the prepackaged food is to be sold at the exhibition for immediate consumption, or unless otherwise exempt under the Regulations, the label of prepackaged food must provide information of

- 1) food name/designation;
- 2) list of ingredients;
- 3) indication of “best before” or “used by” date;
- 4) statement of special condition for storage or instructions for use;
- 5) full name and address of manufacturer or packer;
- 6) count, weight or volume;
- 7) declaration of the presence of substances which are known to cause allergy on food labels;
- 8) energy value and nutrient content.

And, additive constituting one of the ingredients of a prepackaged food shall be listed by both its functional class and its specific name or its identification number under the International Numbering System for Food Additives.

The nutrition label for prepackaged food must contain the following 8 aspects and should also cover the amount of any claimed nutrients:

- energy
- protein
- available carbohydrates
- total fat
- saturated fatty acids
- trans fatty acids
- sodium
- sugars

The nutrition label for infant formula must, unless otherwise exempt under the Regulations, contain the following aspects:

- energy
- protein
- total fat
- total carbohydrates
- vitamin A, D3, E, K, B6, B12, C
- thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, biotin
- pantothenic acid, folic acid



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– iron, calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, sodium, chloride, potassium, manganese, iodine, selenium, copper, zinc and choline

If the fluoride content of any infant formula exceeds 100µg per 100kcal or 24µg per 100kJ, the formula must also be labelled with a statement indicating that consumption of the formula may cause dental fluorosis and recommending that such risk be discussed with a medical practitioner or health professional.

The nutritional label for follow-up formula must, unless otherwise exempt under the Regulations, contain the following aspects:

- energy
- protein
- total fat
- available carbohydrates
- vitamin A, D, E, K, B6, B12, C
- thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, biotin
- pantothenic acid, folic acid
- iron, calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, sodium, chloride, potassium, iodine and zinc

The nutritional label for prepackaged food for infants and young children must, unless otherwise exempt under the Regulations, contain the following aspects:

- energy
- protein
- total fat
- available carbohydrates
- sodium
- vitamin A and D (if added)

All **Hong Kong and overseas exhibitors** that intend to conduct selling of prepackaged foods, infant formula and/or follow-up formula at HKTDC World of Snacks should make sure their products carry the required prepackaged food and/or nutrition label.

For exhibitors selling prepackaged foods that have a total sales volume of less than 30,000 units a year in Hong Kong, and the prepackaged foods do not provide any nutrition claims, they are eligible to apply for a Small Volume Exemption (SVE) at the Centre for Food Safety under the FEHD. Upon approval, the Centre will issue to the exhibitor an exemption number per food application for use in the course of its selling at the Fair. SVE should only be applied by Hong Kong manufacturers or Hong Kong importers. Overseas exhibitors are advised to apply for their SVE via their Hong Kong importers/distributors/agents.

Prepackaged food samples that have no required nutrition labels and are not exempted should only be offered for free food tasting or promoted as display items. They are not allowed to be sold at the World of Snacks.

Officials from the FEHD may conduct random inspections onsite during the Fair period. The Organisers may, given all circumstantial supportive factors, call for immediate removals of the alleged food items from sale. In the incidences that repeated warnings are in vain, the Organisers have the discretion to terminate the exhibitors' right to continue participating in the Fair with immediate effect.

To comply with the requirements of the Regulations, Exhibitors should refer to the Guidelines/Guidance Notes issued by the Centre for Food Safety, available at its website at www.cfs.gov.hk and including, without limitation to, the following:

- Trade Guidelines on Preparation of Legible Food Label
- Trade Guidelines on Serving Size of Prepackaged Food For Nutrition Labelling
- Labelling Guidelines on Food Allergens, Food Additive and Date Format
- Technical Guidance Notes on Nutrition Labelling and Nutrition Claims
- Method Guidance Notes on Nutrition Labelling and Nutrition Claims
- Guide to Application for Small Volume Exemption
- Technical Issues on Nutrition Labelling - Rounding Rules
- Acceptable Nutrient Function Claims under the Nutrition Labelling Scheme in Hong Kong
- Technical Guidance Notes on Nutritional Composition and Nutrition Labelling of Infant Formula, Follow-up Formula and Prepackaged Food for Infants and Young Children
- Method Guidance Notes on Nutritional Composition and Nutrition Labelling of Infant Formula, Follow-up Formula and Prepackaged Food for Infants and Young Children
- Guidelines on Voluntary Labelling of Genetically Modified (GM) Food



For further details regarding the Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) Regulations, please contact the Centre for Food Safety at: (852) 2868 0000 or visit its website at <https://www.elegislation.gov.hk/>

Control of Cannabidiol (“CBD”) in Hong Kong under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance (Chapter 134, Laws of Hong Kong)

In consideration of HKTDC’s acceptance of your company’s application to participate in the HKTDC World of Snacks 2024, your company further confirm, undertake and/or acknowledge that:

1) Upon the commencement of the legislation, possession and consumption of CBD in contravention of DDO in Hong Kong will be subject to a maximum penalty of seven years’ imprisonment and a fine of \$1 million. Trafficking and illicit manufacturing of CBD are liable to a maximum penalty of life imprisonment and a fine of \$5 million.

2) For further details on the control of CBD, please visit the webpage of the Narcotics Division of Security Bureau at <https://www.nd.gov.hk/en/CBD.html>.