

## Labelling of Food, Bottled Water and Agricultural Materials Training Guidance

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This guide is in the process of being updated; until the new version is available some useful information may be found below and the 2003 version is still available for reference. If in doubt, please ask your counsellor for advice.

To check for any amendments to legislation or for versions of legislation for Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland, please consult the legislation directly at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/>

- for all UK legislation; after searching, select the “More Resources” tab and check the list of all changes affecting the legislation.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/homepage.html>

- for all EU legislation; select the “Latest consolidated version” at the bottom of the information returned after searching.

### **Food**

- Defra is responsible for general food labelling policy where not related to safety,
- Department of Health is responsible for nutrition labelling policy,
- Food Standards Agency is responsible for food safety aspects of food labelling and liaison with food authorities in relation to food labelling law enforcement.

### **Legislation:**

- Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1451388363867&uri=CELEX:02011R1169-20140219>

- The Food Information Regulation 2014

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2014/1855/contents/made>

- The Food Labelling Regulations 1996

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1996/1499/contents/made>

- Mostly revoked, however regulations concerning the use of the name “wine”, the descriptions “alcohol-free”, “low alcohol” and “dealcoholised”, the maximum water content of specified cheese and the minimum milkfat required in specified types of cream will remain in force until December 2018.

### **Guidance:**

<https://www.gov.uk/food-labelling-and-packaging>

- Includes a summary of what information is required, technical guidance, notes for specific types of foods and notes on nutrition, health claims and supplement labelling.

<http://www.food.gov.uk/enforcement/regulation/fir/labelling>

- FSA Guidance notes for (EU) 1169/2011 on the provision of food information to consumers.

[http://www.food.gov.uk/search?f%5B0%5D=im field site section%3A33&f%5B1%5D=im field topic%3A44](http://www.food.gov.uk/search?f%5B0%5D=im+field+site+section%3A33&f%5B1%5D=im+field+topic%3A44)

- FSA information and guidance notes for specific types of food.

<http://www.food.gov.uk/northern-ireland/niregulation/niguidancenotes/fresh-pure-natural-ni>

- Guidance on the use of marketing terms such as “fresh”, “pure” and “natural”.

[http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/mare/itemdetail.cfm?item\\_id=19497](http://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/mare/itemdetail.cfm?item_id=19497)

- Guide to EU fish and aquaculture labelling.

<http://www.reading.ac.uk/foodlaw/label.htm>

- Detailed summary of current and historical legislation and guidance.

## **Bottled Water**

### **Legislation:**

- The Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (England) Regulations 2007 (+ amendment regulations from 2009, 2010, 2010 and 2011.)

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2007/2785/contents/made>

- Commission Directive 2003/40/EC establishing the list, concentration limits and labelling requirements for the constituents of natural mineral waters

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1451402633848&uri=CELEX:32003L0040>

- Commission Directive 2009/54/EC on the exploitation and marketing of natural mineral waters (recast)

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1451403094992&uri=CELEX:32009L0054>

Bottled drinking waters are subject to the general labelling requirements of the Food Information Regulations 2014.

### **Guidance:**

<http://www.food.gov.uk/enforcement/codes-of-practice/food-law-practice-guidance-england-2015/food-law-practice-guidance-england-2015/food-law-practice-guidance-england-2015/7-9-bottled-waters>

-Summary of legislation and labelling requirements.

## **Animal Feed**

### **Legislation:**

- The Animal Feed (Composition, Marketing and Use) (England) Regulations 2015  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/454/contents/made>
- Regulation (EC) No 767/2009 on the placing on the market and use of feed  
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1451397511483&uri=CELEX:02009R0767-20100901>
- Regulation (EC) No 1831/2003 on additives for use in animal nutrition  
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1451398801494&uri=CELEX:02003R1831-20150323>
- Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 on genetically modified food and feed  
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1451398609147&uri=CELEX:02003R1829-20080410>

### **Guidance:**

<https://www.food.gov.uk/business-industry/farmingfood/animalfeed/animalfeedlegislation>

- Summary of feed legislation. (Note: summary still refers to old English regulations.)

<http://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/multimedia/pdfs/ecfeedregsmarketingguidance.pdf>

- FSA guidance on interpretation and application of 767/2009 on the placing on the market and use of feed

<http://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/multimedia/pdfs/ecmarketingandusereregulation.pdf>

- FSA note on the provisions of 767/2009 on the placing on the market and use of feed

<https://www.agindustries.org.uk/sectors/animal-feed/legislation-and-guidance/marketing-labelling-and-composition-of-feeds/>

- Summary of feed legislation

<https://www.agindustries.org.uk/sectors/animal-feed/legislation-and-guidance/organic-production/>

- Summary of requirements for organic products

## **Fertilisers**

See Part 3 of the 2003 guide, with additional information:

### **Legislation:**

- Regulation (EC) No 2003/2003 relating to fertilisers

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1451401046117&uri=CELEX:02003R2003-20141215>

- The EC Fertilisers (England and Wales) Regulations 2006

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2006/2486/contents/made>

### **Guidance:**

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130123162956/http://www.defra.gov.uk/farm/environment/land-manage/nutrient/fert/reg.htm>

- (From 2009.)