

Introducing New Foods Onto the Local Market

What are the Legal Labelling Requirements?



Food labelling requirements for that of pre-packaged foods for Grenada are found in GDS 1: Part 4: 1992, Specification for the Labelling of Commodities - Labelling of Pre-Packaged Foods.

In addition to this, Grenada also follows internationally accepted food labelling standards, such as the Codex Alimentarius standards.

The main local legal stipulations are as follows:

- ✓ All food labels must be in English or in the case of multi-lingual labels, English must be one of the languages used.
- ✓ The label must have the common name of the product, as well as the brand name. It should also list net contents (weight, volume and/or number) in SI units. If the food packaged is liquid, the drained weight should be used.
- ✓ Labels must list ingredients in order of weight or percentage.
- ✓ The name and address of the producer or the packer must also be on labels. The address should contain the city, state or parish and country of origin.
- ✓ Labels must list preservatives and food additives such as flavourings and colourings.
- ✓ Labels must include an expiration or 'best before' date, storage requirements and a batch or lot number.
- ✓ Therapeutic claims should be avoided - the product can be reclassified as a medicine instead.
- ✓ Labels must be approved, prior to the product being sold commercially, by the Grenada Bureau of Standards.
- ✓ When a new food or drink is to be introduced to the Grenadian market via importation or local manufacture, persons should contact the Grenada Bureau of Standards for additional information.
- ✓ In cases where a new food product is to be exported, the Grenada Bureau of Standards should also be contacted.



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