Standard and Random Packed Labeling Requirements

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Questions/Issues:

When is metric only labeling allowed?
What are the requirements for standard package labels?
What are the requirements for random package labels?

Metric Only Labeling

ATCP 90.08(5)(a) specifies that random weight packages can be sold with net weight expressed in inch-pound or metric units.

ATCP 90.04(4) specifies that standard weight packages must have both inch-pound and metric expressions of weight on the label.

Standard Pack Labeling Requirements

Standard weight labels on packages must meet the following criteria:

1. Declaration of Product Identity - ATCP 90.02
2. Declaration of Responsibility - ATCP 90.03
3. Declaration of Quantity - ATCP 90.04
4. Expression of Net Weight in Inch-Pound and Metric Units - ATCP 90.05 & 90.06
5. Location and Prominence of Net Quantity Declaration - ATCP 90.07

*Standard packaged products are not required to display a price per pound.

Random Pack Labeling Requirements

Under ATCP 90.08(5) random package labels are exempt from 90.04(4) which means random packages can be labeled with either metric or inch-pound quantity statements.

They are also exempt from 90.07(2), 90.07(5) and 90.07(6) which determines the location and prominence of the net quantity statement on the package. This exemption is only valid provided the following exists:

1. The package bears a label that is conspicuous and is expressed in either inch-pound or metric units.
2. The package when offered for sale discloses the price per pound/kilogram and total price for the package.

However, random packaged products are not exempt from having declarations of product identity, responsibility and quantity on the label.