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## REQUIREMENTS FOR LABELING FOOD PRODUCTS

2013 FDA FOOD CODE 3-602.11 and 3-602.12

Commercial kitchens, manufacturers, packers, and distributors of food products are required to label any food product intended for distribution.

*All packaged food shall bear a label showing:*

-The common or usual name of the product,

-The name and address of the manufacturer's, packer's, or distributor's business which shall:

\* In the case of an individual, partnership, or association be the name under which the business is  
Conducted; or

\* In the case of a corporation, be the name of the parent corporation; or

\* Where the food is not processed by the person whose name appears on the label, the name on the label shall be qualified by a phrase which reveals the connection such a person has with the food; including but not limited to "Manufactured for\_\_\_\_", "Distributed by\_\_\_\_", or any other wording which expresses the facts

*Web site only is NOT sufficient for business address*

-The ingredients in descending order of predominance by weight;

-The net weight or numerical count in both US customary and metric;

-A product code that includes date of manufacture, container size, and product lot or batch number to aid in a recall of a product in case of a public health hazard

- "Keep refrigerated"

- Reheat directions for thoroughly cooked food item

-Cooking directions for a RAW product

-Use by or freeze by date

-Allergen information in capital or color contrast letters; "Contains: WHEAT, SOY...."

NOTE: This is not a complete list-ROP process may require other labeling; USDA and the FDA have requirements depending on the food type and if the product is going over state lines. Raw or unpasteurized items such as sushi, milk, and orange juice... have warning labeling requirements