

Korea Food and Drug Administration Advance Notice 2005-107

For the purpose of amending the labelling standard for Health Functional Food by Article 17 of the Health Functional Food Code and in order to take note of public response, the purpose and the main contents of the amendment are published in advance under Article 46 of the administration procedure code as follows.

August 24, 2005
Commissioner of Korea Food and Drug Administration

The (proposed) amendment of the labelling standard for Health Functional Food

The labelling standard for Health Functional Food shall be amended as follows:

In Article 5.1. “La”, “Only tank lorries, drums, bottles or plastic containers” shall be replaced by “Only tank lorries, drums, bottles, plastic containers, bulky paper package or synthetic tissues”.

Article 6.1. “Ga” shall read as follows:

Ga. Health Functional Food should be marked with the statement of “Health Functional Food” or the Health Functional Food Symbol as below shall be labelled on the primary display panel.



Article 6.2. “Na” shall read as follows:

Na. The name designated by the standard laid down in Article 14.1 (a part of the name which indicates the characteristics of a proper product may be used), or the name designated by the Commissioner of the Korea Food and Drug administration in accordance with Article 14.2 shall be used. In such cases, a brand, a label or an assumed name may be used together.

Article 6.6. “Da” shall be replaced by “La” and a new “Da” shall be added as follows:

Da. The ratio of typical nutritional values shall be indicated as fixed numbers rounded up after being calculated by using non-rounded nutritional content.

In Article 6.7. “Ga”, the following shall be added:

Raw materials not sold directly to consumers may be labelled with the final amount of the functional component or the amount of component per reference unit.

Article 6.9. “Ga” shall be newly added as follows:

- Ga. Name for raw material shall be indicated first by main ingredients showing the function of the proper product and the rest shall be indicated in turn according to the amount of usage in its manufacturing. However, the name of raw material not left in the final product may not be indicated.

In the main content of Article 6.9. “Da”, “egg” shall be replaced by “a sort of egg”.

The condition in Article 6.9. “Ba” shall be deleted.

The main content and “Ga” of Article 8.4 shall be deleted and Article 8.4. “Na” and “Da” shall be replaced as Article 8.4 and Article 8.5.

Article 8.6 shall be newly added as follows:

- 6. Under the regulation of Article 6.2. “Na” on labelling of the product name, the health functional food type prescribed according to Health Functional Food regulation may not be included in the product name, if the food type is indicated at least half of the size of the letter which is the largest among the letters of the product name, in the vicinity of the product name(up, down and side to side) so that the food type is visible on the primary display panel.

Subsidiary Act

①(entry into force) This notice shall be taken effect on the date of publication.

②(management) The former regulations governing labelling standards for health food imported or manufactured by a person who reported his business or received business permission at the moment of the enforcement of this notice may be applied up to one year after the notice.