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Labelling for additives for sale should be based on the Food Labelling Standards (Cabinet Office Order No. 10 of 2015).

No. 1 Standards pertaining to Persons Engaged in Food-related Business

1. Labelling Requirements

(1) When a person engaged in food-related business sells additives packed in containers and packaging (excluding those for business use), the labelling information set forth in the left-hand column of the following table must be displayed by the labelling method prescribed in the right-hand column of the same table.

Name	A generic name indicating the content must be displayed; provided, however, that regarding additives listed in Appended Table 1 of the Regulation for the Enforcement of the Food Sanitation Act (Order of the Ministry of Health and Welfare No. 23 of 1948) (excluding those listed in Appended Table 8 of the Food Labelling Standards), the names listed in Appended Table 1 of the same Regulation must be displayed, and regarding additives listed in the List of Existing Food Additives, the names in the list must be displayed.
The fact of being additives	The letters "食品添加物 (food additives)" must be displayed.
Preservation methods	Preservation methods must be displayed in accordance with the relevant additives' characteristics; provided, however, that regarding additives for which the criteria for preservation methods are specified pursuant to the provisions of Article 11, paragraph (1) of the Food Sanitation Act (Act No. 233 of 1947), preservation methods must be displayed by following those criteria.
Use-by date or best-before date	Regarding additives whose quality deteriorates rapidly, the use-by date with the letters representing to that effect must be displayed, and regarding other additives, the best-before date with the letters representing to that effect must be displayed, in the order of year, month and day; provided, however, that regarding additives for which the period from the production or processing date to the best-before date exceeds three months, the year and month with the letters representing the best-before date may be displayed in lieu of the year, month and day with the letters representing the best-before date.
Capacity	Regarding specified commodities set forth in Article 5 of the Cabinet Order concerning Measurement for Sale of Specified Commodities (Cabinet Order No. 249 of 1993), the capacity must be displayed as prescribed in the Measurement Act (Act No. 51 of 1992), and regarding other additives, the

	weight in grams or kilograms, the volume in milliliters or liters, or the quantity in the number of pieces, etc. should be displayed, while clarifying the unit.
Amounts and calories of nutrients (protein, lipid, carbohydrate and sodium)	The labelling methods prescribed in the row of "Amounts and calories of nutrients (meaning protein, lipid, carbohydrate and sodium)" in the table of Article 3, paragraph (1) of the Food Labelling Standards are to be applied mutatis mutandis.
Name and address of the person engaged in food-related business	The name and address of a person responsible for the content of the labelling are to be displayed.
Location of the production or processing facility (for imported additives, location of the importer's office), and name of the producer or processor (for imported additives, name of the importer)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The location of the production or processing facility (the place where the production or processing of the relevant additives (limited to the production or processing (including adjustments) that finally changes the hygiene status of the additives; hereinafter the same applies in this table) was conducted) (for imported additives, the location of the importer's office), and the name of the producer or processor (including a person who made adjustments) (for imported additives, the name of the importer) must be displayed. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of 1. above, when the address or name of the person engaged in food-related business is the same as the location of the production or processing facility (the place where the production or processing of the relevant additives was conducted) (for imported additives, the same as the location of the importer's office; hereinafter the same applies in this table) or as the name of the producer or processor (including a person who made adjustments) (for imported additives, the same as the name of the importer; hereinafter the same applies in this table), the location of the production or processing facility or the name of the producer or processor may be omitted. 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of 1. above, when the same products are produced at two or more production facilities, the display of marks specific to respective production facilities may substitute for the display of the locations of the production facilities and the names of the producers, in principle. In this case, any of the following information must be displayed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) contact information of the person who will respond to requests for such information as the locations of the production facilities or the names of the producers; (ii) the addresses of the websites that display the locations of the

	<p>production facilities and the names of the producers indicated by those specific marks (including two-dimensional codes and other equivalent information);</p> <p>(iii) the locations of all production facilities where the relevant products are produced or the names of all producers and marks specific to respective production facilities.</p>
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(2) Beyond what are prescribed in the preceding paragraph, when a person engaged in food-related business sells additives set forth in the left-hand column of the following table, the labelling information set forth in the middle column of the same table must be displayed by the labelling method prescribed in the right-hand column of the same table.

Additives derived from the food listed in Appended Table 14 of the Food Labelling Standards (hereinafter the relevant food is referred to as "specific raw materials")	Allergen	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The fact of being derived from the specific raw materials should be displayed in parentheses immediately after the additives' name. 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of 1. above, when two or more additives are used in the relevant additives and those two or more additives contain the same specific raw materials, the fact of being derived from the specific raw materials may be displayed for any one of those additives and the display of that fact may be omitted for the rest; provided, however, that this does not apply when the specific raw materials contained in the relevant additives are found less antigenic based on scientific knowledge.
Additives for which the criteria for methods for use are specified pursuant to the provisions of Article 11, paragraph (1) of the Food Sanitation Act	Methods for use	The methods in conformity to the criteria specified pursuant to the provisions of Article 11, paragraph (1) of the Food Sanitation Act should be displayed.
Additives for which the standards established under Article 11, paragraph (1) of	That amount	The percentage by weight, color valency, etc. should be displayed.

the Food Sanitation Act specify the amount for labelling purposes		
Additive preparations	Ingredients (excluding those used for flavoring) and percentages by weight	The names of the ingredients and their percentages by weight among the relevant additives should be displayed. When the ingredients are vitamin A derivatives, their percentage by weight as vitamin A should be displayed.
Preparations of a coal-tar color	Name of the effective color	The name of the effective color with the letters "製劑 (preparations)" should be displayed.
Aspartame or preparations containing aspartame	The fact of being an L-phenylalanine compound or containing the same	The fact being an L-phenylalanine compound or containing the same should be displayed.
Vitamin A derivatives used as additives	Percentage by weight as vitamin A	The percentage by weight as vitamin A should be displayed.

(3) When a person engaged in food-related business sells additives for business use packed in containers and packaging, the labelling information set forth in the following items must be displayed by the labelling method prescribed in the preceding two paragraphs:

- (i) name;
- (ii) the fact of being additives;
- (iii) preservation methods;
- (iv) use-by date or best-before date;
- (v) name and address of the person engaged in food-related business;
- (vi) location of the production or processing facility (for imported additives, location of the importer's office), and name of the producer or processor (for imported additives, name of the importer);
- (vii) allergen;
- (viii) methods for use;
- (ix) amount for labelling purposes for additives for which the standards established under Article 11, paragraph (1) of the Food Sanitation Act specify that amount;
- (x) ingredients (excluding those used for flavoring) and percentages by weight;
- (xi) name of the effective color;
- (xii) the fact of being an L-phenylalanine compound or containing the same;
- (xiii) percentage by weight as vitamin A.

(4) When displaying the labelling information set forth in item (v) of the preceding paragraph,

the part set forth in the left-hand column of the following table out of what are prescribed in the row of "Location of the production or processing facility (for imported additives, location of the importer's office), and name of the producer or processor (for imported additives, name of the importer)" in the table of paragraph (1) is to be replaced with what are prescribed in the right-hand column of the following table.

<p>3. Notwithstanding the provisions of 1. above, when the same products are produced at two or more production facilities, the display of marks specific to respective production facilities may substitute for the display of the locations of the production facilities and the names of the producers, in principle. In this case, any of the following information must be displayed:</p> <p>(i) contact information of the person who will respond to requests for such information as the locations of the production facilities or the names of the producers;</p> <p>(ii) the addresses of the websites that display the locations of the production facilities and the names of the producers indicated by those specific marks (including two-dimensional codes and other equivalent information);</p> <p>(iii) the locations of all production facilities where the relevant products are produced or the names of all producers and marks specific to respective production facilities.</p>	<p>3. Notwithstanding the provisions of 1. above, the display of the mark specific to the production facility may substitute for the display of the location of the production facility and the name of the producer.</p>
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(5) Notwithstanding the provisions ranging from paragraph (1) to the preceding paragraph, the display of the labelling information set forth in the left-hand column of the following table may be omitted for additives falling under the categories set forth in the right-hand column of the same table.

<p>Preservation methods</p>	<p>Additives other than those for which the criteria for preservation methods are specified pursuant to the provisions of Article 11, paragraph (1) of the Food Sanitation Act</p>
<p>Use-by date or best-before date</p>	<p>All additives</p>
<p>Amounts and calories of nutrients</p>	<p>The following additives (excluding the case where the relevant person intends to display nutritional information):</p> <p>(i) additives for which the space for labelling on their containers and packaging is no larger than approximately 30 square centimeters;</p> <p>(ii) additives whose contribution as a nutritional source is small;</p> <p>(iii) additives sold by a business who is exempted from paying consumption tax under Article 9, paragraph (1) of the Consumption Tax Act (Act No. 108 of 1988)</p>

2. Special Provisions for Labelling Requirements

Notwithstanding the provisions of 1. above, the display of the labelling information set forth in the following items is not required for the transfer (excluding sale) to many and unspecified persons:

- (i) capacity;
- (ii) amounts and calories of nutrients;
- (iii) name and address of the person engaged in food-related business.

3. Voluntary Labelling

(1) When a person engaged in food-related business sells additives (excluding those for business use), and when the labelling information set forth in the left-hand column of the following table is displayed on the containers and packaging of the relevant additives, it must be displayed by the labelling method prescribed in the right-hand column of the same table.

Nutrients (excluding proteins, lipids, carbohydrates and sodium)	When intending to display the nutrients (excluding proteins, lipids, carbohydrates, and sodium) listed in Appended Table 9 of the Food Labelling Standards, the labelling methods prescribed in the row of "Amounts and calories of nutrients (meaning proteins, lipids, carbohydrates and sodium)" in the table of Article 3, paragraph (1) of the same Standards are to be applied mutatis mutandis.
Amount of sodium (limited to the case where the amount is displayed on the containers and packaging of additives free from sodium salt)	When intending to display the amount of sodium, in addition to the sodium chloride equivalent, for additives free from sodium salt, the labelling methods prescribed in the row of "Amounts and calories of nutrients (meaning proteins, lipids, carbohydrates and sodium)" in the table of Article 3, paragraph (1) of the Food Labelling Standards are to be applied mutatis mutandis. In this case, the phrase "regarding the amounts and calories of proteins, lipids and carbohydrates, a certain value or a range between the lower and the upper limits should be displayed with the letters referring to those nutrients or representing calories, and regarding the amount of sodium, a certain value or a range between the lower and the upper limits should be displayed with the letters '食塩相当量(sodium chloride equivalent)' (the value obtained by multiplying the amount of sodium by 2.54; the same applies hereinafter)" is deemed to be replaced with "regarding the amount of sodium, a certain value or a range between the lower and the upper limits should be displayed with the letters 'ナトリウム(sodium)'."

(2) When a person engaged in food-related business sells additives for business use, and when the labelling information set forth in the left-hand column of the following table is displayed on the containers and packaging of the relevant additives for business use, it must be displayed by the labelling method prescribed in the right-hand column of the same table.

Nutrients and calories	<p>1. When intending to display proteins, lipids, carbohydrates or sodium, or calories, the amounts of proteins, lipids, carbohydrates and sodium (converted to the sodium chloride equivalent) and their calories should be displayed by applying mutatis mutandis the labelling methods prescribed in the row of "Amounts and calories of nutrients (meaning proteins, lipids, carbohydrates and sodium)" in the table of Article 3, paragraph (1) of the Food Labelling Standards.</p> <p>2. When intending to display the nutrients (excluding proteins, lipids, carbohydrates, and sodium) listed in Appended Table 9 of the Food Labelling Standards, those nutrients should be displayed by applying mutatis mutandis the labelling methods prescribed in the row of "Amounts and calories of nutrients (meaning proteins, lipids, carbohydrates and sodium)" in the table of Article 3, paragraph (1) of the same Standards, together with the amounts of proteins, lipids, carbohydrates and sodium (converted to the sodium chloride equivalent) and their calories.</p>
Amount of sodium (limited to the case where the amount is displayed on the containers and packaging of additives free from sodium salt)	<p>1. When intending to display the amount of sodium, in addition to the sodium chloride equivalent, for additives free from sodium salt, the labelling methods prescribed in the row of "Amounts and calories of nutrients (meaning proteins, lipids, carbohydrates and sodium)" in the table of Article 3, paragraph (1) of the Food Labelling Standards are to be applied mutatis mutandis. In this case, the phrase "regarding the amounts and calories of proteins, lipids and carbohydrates, a certain value or a range between the lower and the upper limits should be displayed with the letters referring to those nutrients or representing calories, and regarding the amount of sodium, a certain value or a range between the lower and the upper limits should be displayed with the letters '食塩相当量(sodium chloride equivalent)'" is deemed to be replaced with "regarding the amount of sodium, a certain value or a range between the lower and the upper limits should be displayed with the letters 'ナトリウム(sodium)'."</p> <p>2. When intending to display the amount of sodium, in addition to the sodium chloride equivalent, for additives free from sodium salt, the amounts of proteins, lipids, carbohydrates and sodium chloride equivalent, and their calories should be displayed in accordance with 1. of the row of "Nutrients and calories" in this table.</p>

4. Manner of Labelling, etc.

(1) Labelling set forth in 1. to 3. above must be affixed as prescribed below:

(i) labelling must be in the Japanese language and be precise, using terms that are easy to read and understand for general persons who purchase and use the relevant additives;

(ii) labelling must be indicated in a conspicuous place on the containers and packaging (when

the containers and packaging is wrapped for retail purposes, on the wrapping) so that it can be easily seen without opening the containers and packaging;

- (iii) the amount of nutrients (proteins, lipids, carbohydrates and sodium (converted to the sodium chloride equivalent)) and their calories must be displayed using Appended Form 2 of the Food Labelling Standards (when indicating any other nutrients, together with proteins, lipids, carbohydrates and sodium converted to the sodium chloride equivalent, using Appended Form 3 of the same Standards); provided, however, that this does not apply when the labelling information to be displayed using Appended Form 2 or 3 of the same Standards is integrally displayed in a manner as easily understandable as the display using Appended Form 2 or 3 of the same Standards;
- (iv) the location of the production or processing facility (for imported additives, the location of the importer's office), and the name of the producer or processor (for imported additives, the name of the importer) must be displayed close to the name of the person engaged in food-related business;
- (v) when displaying the location of the production facility and the name of the producer by the use of the mark specific to the production facility, that mark should be displayed next to the name of the person engaged in food-related business, in principle;
- (vi) the color of the letters used for labelling should be in contrast to the background;
- (vii) the letters used for labelling should be larger than 8 point as prescribed in JISZ8305; provided, however, that when the labelling area is no larger than approximately 150 square centimeters, the minimum size of the letters may be 5.5 point as prescribed in JISZ8305.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding paragraph, when selling additives for business use, the name and address of the person engaged in food-related business (excluding the case where the name and address is the same as the location of the production or processing facility (for imported additives, the location of the importer's office) and the name of the producer or processor (for imported additives, the name of the importer)) may be displayed in the invoice, delivery slip, etc. or the specifications, etc. of the additives for business use.

5. Information Prohibited to be Displayed

A person engaged in food-related business must not display the following on the containers and packaging of additives, with regard to the labelling information set forth in 1. and 3. above:

- (i) terms that may mislead persons who see the labelling to believe that the relevant additives are considerably better or more advantageous than they actually are;
- (ii) terms that are contradictory to the details of the information to be displayed under the provisions of 1. above;
- (iii) regarding additives with sodium salt, the amount of sodium;
- (iv) other letters, pictures, photos or other indication that may cause persons who see the labelling to misidentify the contents.

No. 2 Standards pertaining to Sellers Other than Persons Engaged in Food-related Business

1. Labelling Requirements

When a seller other than a person engaged in food-related business sells additives packed in containers and packaging, the labelling information set forth in the following items must be displayed by the methods equivalent to those prescribed in 1. of No. 1 above:

- (i) name;
- (ii) the fact of being additives;
- (iii) preservation methods;
- (iv) use-by date or best-before date;
- (v) location of the production or processing facility and name of the producer or processor;
- (vi) allergen;
- (vii) methods for use;
- (viii) amount for labelling purposes for additives for which the standards established under Article 11, paragraph (1) of the Food Sanitation Act specify that amount;
- (ix) ingredients and percentages by weight;
- (x) name of the effective color;
- (xi) the fact of being an L-phenylalanine compound or containing the same;
- (xii) percentage by weight as vitamin A.

2. Manner of Labelling, etc.

Labelling set forth in 1. above must be affixed in an equivalent manner as prescribed in 4. (1) (excluding item (iii)) of No. 1 above.

3. Information Prohibited to be Displayed

With regard to the information that must not be displayed on the containers and packaging of additives sold by any seller other than a person engaged in food-related business, the provisions of 5. of No. 1 above apply *mutatis mutandis*.