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Table of changes

Change No.	Date	Scope
Amdt 1	2006	Amended to update references, make provision for all types of gas cylinders (5.3.6), to allow free samples of the same type of product under certain conditions (5.3.7), to delete prescribed sizes for prepackaged cheese (table E.1), to add a requirement for the size of eggs to be marked on containers (D.5 and table E.1), to clarify a requirement for non-consumer packages in 1.2.3 and to clarify a requirement for marking a prepackaged product in A.7.
Amdt 2	2008	Amended to update requirements in the clause on name and place of business of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer (clause 4), to delete requirements in the subclause on presentation of information (5.5) and to renumber the paragraphs, to change the requirements in the subclause on significance of numbers on labels (5.6), and to update requirements in the annex on manner of expressing the quantity and prescribed quantities for certain products (annex E).
Amdt 3	2010	Amended to update the requirements for the application of this standard, to update an act, and to move reference to legislation to the foreword, to update the requirements for the identity of the product, to update the requirements for the name and place of business of the manufacturer, packer, distributor or importer, to update requirements in the clause on misleading practices, to update the table on the expression of quantity and prescribed quantities, and to add a bibliography.
Amdt 4	2012	Amended to update labelling requirements for prepackaged products (clause 5.1), clarify a requirement for prepacked gas cylinders (5.3.6), update requirements for the declaration of the net quantity (A.4), and to update requirements in the annex on the manner of expressing the quantity and prescribed quantities for certain products (annex E).
Amdt 5	2013	Amended to replace reference to "macaroni", "spaghetti", "vermicelli" and "egg noodles" with "pasta products", and to delete prescribed pack sizes for vinegar in the annex on the manner of expressing the quantity and prescribed quantities for certain products.
Amdt 6	2016	Amended to delete reference to legislation, to update declared net quantity of the prepackaged product, to update the table on expression of quantity and prescribed quantities (table E.1), to update the notes in the annex on type size of letters and numerals for statements of net quantity on consumer packages.

Foreword

This South African standard was approved by National Committee SABS/TC 070/SC 04, *Legal metrology – Sale of goods*, in accordance with procedures of the SABS Standards Division, in compliance with annex 3 of the WTO/TBT agreement.

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A vertical line in the margin shows where the text has been technically modified by amendment No. 6.

Annexes A, B, C, D and E form an integral part of this document.

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1 General

1.1 Scope

This standard covers requirements for the labelling of prepackaged products with respect to

- a) the identity of the product,
- b) the name and place of business of the manufacturer, packer, distributor, importer or retailer, and
- c) the net quantity of the product.

It also covers general requirements for the sale of goods and prescribed sizes in which certain products are packaged.

NOTE Deleted by amendment No. 6.

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1.2 Application

1.2.1 The required markings shall be in at least one of the official languages of the country in which the prepackage is sold.

1.2.2 Prepackaged products shall be labelled in accordance with this standard before being offered for sale.

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1.2.3 The requirements of this standard apply to consumer and non-consumer packages. Non-consumer packages shall not be offered for sale in the retail trade or otherwise as consumer packages, unless they comply with all requirements for a consumer package.

2 Terminology

2.1

prepackaged (product)

prepackage

any commodity that is made up as a unit or entity and for which its quantity has been determined and indicated on its label before being offered for sale, irrespective of whether such unit or entity is enclosed in a container, wrapped in any manner or unenclosed