



Labelling information requirements for kava in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code

Food Standards Australia New Zealand

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Labelling information requirements for kava foods

Labelling information requirements for dried /raw kava root and a permitted kava beverage (section 2.6.3—3) are set out below.

Dried or raw kava root

Dried or raw kava root in a package for retail sale must have a label with the following information (sections 1.2.1—6, 1.2.1—8, 1.2.5—3, 1.2.6—2, 2.6.3—4 and Standard 1.2.2):

- name of the food
- lot identification
- name and address of the supplier
- date marking - if the best before date is less than two years
- storage conditions - needed if storage conditions are required to ensure the food will keep until the best before date
- warning statements i.e. *Use in moderation; May cause drowsiness*.

For unpackaged dried or raw kava root for retail sale, the following information must accompany the food or be displayed with the food (section 1.2.1—9, paragraph 1.2.1—9(3)(f)):

- the warning statements (*Use in moderation; May cause drowsiness*)
- the name and address of the supplier.

In addition, for unpackaged dried or raw kava root for retail sale, the name of the food must be displayed with the food or provided to the purchaser on request (sections 1.2.1—9(6) and 1.2.1—9(7)).

Kava beverage

Foods for retail sale are not required to have a label with the information requirements referred to in subsection 1.2.1—8(1) if the food for sale is:

- made and packaged on the premises from which it is sold (e.g. a beverage in a bowl or glass).
- packaged in the presence of the purchaser (e.g. a beverage in a bowl or glass).

'Package' is defined in subsection 1.1.2—2(3).

Food sold to caterers

Food sold to caterers in a package (e.g. dried or raw kava root) must bear a label with certain information (e.g. name of the food, lot identification) (section 1.2.1—15). Other information such as the name and address of the supplier and the two warning statements about kava must be provided on the label (if any) or in documentation (subsection 1.2.1—16(1)). If the name and address of the supplier is provided in documentation, the documentation must accompany the food for sale (subsection 1.2.1—16(2)).

'Caterer' is defined in subsection 1.1.2—2(3).

Food not for retail sale or sale to caterers or for intra-company transfer (e.g. bulk dried or raw kava root)

Food for sale in a package must bear a label that states the following (subsection 1.2.1—20(2)):

- name of the food
- lot identification
- name and address of the supplier (unless provided in documentation accompanying the food for sale).

The label with the above information may be:

- on the package; or
- if there is more than one layer of packaging, on the outer layer; or
- if the food for sale is in a transportation outer, the information must be clearly discernible through the transportation outer (subsection 1.2.1—20(3)).

'Intra-company transfer' is defined in subsection 1.2.1—18(2).

Nutrition information

A nutrition information panel is not required for kava (subparagraph 1.2.8—5 (2)(a)(xvi)).

Nutrition content and health claims

Nutrition content and health claims about kava are prohibited (subsection 1.2.7—4(a)).