

Summary of the New Labelling Rules Published by Mexico on 24 January 1996

	Textiles & Apparel NOM-004-SCFI-1994	General Merchandise NOM-050-SCFI-1994	Food and Beverages NOM-051-SCFI-1994
Scope	Textiles, apparel and related accessories	A wide variety of consumer goods which do not have special labelling requirements	Prepackaged food and non-alcoholic beverages
Labelling requirements			
I) Information to be provided	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Country of origin of finished product (2) Trademark (identification of manufacturer or importer) (3) Description of inputs (fiber content) (4) Size in case of garments, measurements in the case of household items (5) Care instructions (6) Name or corporate name and Mexican tax identification number of the manufacturer or importer (7) Country of origin of inputs (8) For products made in more than one country, the names of the last two countries processing the product 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Product name (2) Quantity (3) Name or registry number, and address of the producer (4) For imported products, name or registry number, and address of the importer (5) Any relevant warnings (6) Reference to the instruction manual, when appropriate (7) country of origin 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The name of the product (2) List of ingredients (3) Quantity (4) Name and address of the manufacturer (5) For imported products, the name or registry number, and address of the importer (6) Country of origin (7) Lot number (8) Expiration Date, including any conditions (e.g. "keep frozen", "refrigerate") (9) Nutritional information
II) Manner of affixation	Items 1:1-5 must be provided on permanently affixed labels. A temporary label can be used for item I:6 . Requirements for items I:7 and I:8 have not been officially specified. However, since a permanent label is required for country of origin designation, it is likely that items I:7-8 will have to be on permanent labels	Labels must be affixed in such a manner that they remain on the product under normal conditions	Labels must be affixed in such a manner that, under normal conditions, they stay on the product until use

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11) Place of Affixation	Items 1:1-5 must be applied prior to exportation to Mexico. It is expected that items I:7-8 will also have to be applied prior to exportation to Mexico Item I:6 can be applied after entry into Mexico, but prior to retail sale.	Items 1:1-3, 5-7 must be affixed prior to exportation to Mexico. Item I:4 may be affixed after entry to Mexico, but prior to the point of sale	Items 11-4, 6-9 must be affixed prior to exportation to Mexico, Item I: 5 may be affixed after entry to Mexico but prior to the point of sale
V) Language used	Spanish is required but other languages may be used in addition Symbols may be used for care labelling	Spanish is required but other languages may be used in addition	Spanish is required but other languages may be used in addition
V) Others		Products that need instructions must be accompanied by Spanish-language instructions or manuals. Guarantee written in Spanish	
VI) Implementation date	14 February 1996 for items I: 1-6,8 24 July 1996 for item I:7 Mexican sizing standards known as the General System of Sizing must be implemented in February 1997. Until that time, sizing other than the Mexican standard is acceptable	1 November 1996	1 November 1996 except the provisions on regulating nutritional information, which take effect on 1 January 1998

Note : Since these labelling rules are NOMS (Official Mexican Norms), compliance with the standards is mandatory.