

Packaged Commodities Rules

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About Packaged Commodities Rules

- Packaged commodities rules are applicable for all the products like food products, electronic gadgets, consumer durable as well as non-durable goods.
- Every product manufacturer, or repacker or the person who put labels on products or marketer needs to follow :
- **PRICE:** Pricing details to be mentioned on the actual product as well as at the online display of the product. (basically, the maximum retail price needs to be mentioned)
- **ORIGIN:** Origin of the product (name of country) where the product was manufactured, processed or assembled.
- **Expiry Date:** Expiry date, use by date should be mentioned on each product. Consumers should be aware of what they are consuming or use it is safe or not.
- **Swachh Bharat** though the label is not mandatory, you are welcome to print this as well. (quality assurance purpose).
- Barcodes, QR Codes, E-Codes on Product for quality assurance purpose.

Who Needs to Comply with Packaged Commodities rules?

- Both online and offline sellers.
- . Additionally FSSAI Licence number should be printed on the food products.

The Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011

- The Legal Metrology Act, 2009 came into effect on the 1st of April, 2011, replacing the Weights and Measures Act.
- Act Purpose of establishing and enforcing standards of weights and measures or aspects incidental to the same.

- Crucial arm of the act is the Packaged Commodities Rules, i.e. Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 (hereinafter referred to as “Rules”).
- The Department of Legal Metrology falls under the Department of Consumer Affairs and is therefore concerned with fair and honest practices in relation to all aspects of the trade.
- The Rules deal with goods that are packaged and provide inter alia how declarations are to be made and what declarations are to be contained in a packaged commodity that is meant to be for sale.

Rules do not apply to certain packages even if they satisfy all other criteria if:

- The package is sold by weight or measure and amounts to less than 10 ml or 10 gm (provided the product is not tobacco); or
- Package contains fast food items and is packed by hotels/restaurant/similar body; or
- Contains scheduled drugs and non scheduled drugs covered by the Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1995; or
- Agricultural farm produce in packages above 50 kgs; or
- A thread which is sold in the form of the coil to handloom weavers.