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Report Highlights:

The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka's (Sri Lanka) Ministry of Health extended the implementation date of Food (Labeling and Advertising) Regulations (2022) from January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2025. The Sri Lankan government notified the new regulations in the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka – Extraordinary (official gazette) on December 27, 2023. The current Food (Labeling and Advertising) Regulations (2005) remain effective until January 01, 2025, to allow additional time for industry to adjust to the new food labeling and advertising regulations.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka's (Sri Lanka) Ministry of Health extended the implementation date of the **Food (Labeling and Advertising) Regulations (2022)** from January 1, 2024, to January 1, 2025. The Sri Lankan government notified the new regulations in the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka – Extraordinary (official gazette) on December 27, 2023. The current **Food (Labeling and Advertising) Regulations (2005)** remain effective until January 01, 2025, to allow additional time for industry to adjust to the new food labeling and advertising regulations.

Background:

Labeling and Advertising of Packaged Food – The Current 2005 Regulations: The [Food \(Labeling and Advertising\) Regulations \(2005\)](#) regulate general food labeling in Sri Lanka. The regulations require package or container labeling with the label printed in any two of the three languages utilized in Sri Lanka (i.e., English, Sinhala, or Tamil). The label must be indelibly printed, painted, or affixed on the main panel (i.e., for imports, affixing a supplementary label is permissible). The regulation does not apply to packaged food weighed, counted, and or measured out in the consumer's presence.

Labeling and Advertising of Packaged Food – The New 2022 Regulations: The [Food \(Labeling and Advertising\) Regulations \(2022\)](#) regulations, common names must appear in bold type in all three languages (i.e., English, Sinhala, and Tamil) used in Sri Lanka. For imported food products, the country-of-origin and the importer's name and address must also appear (see, Appendix I). When food is imported in bulk and repackaged, the date of manufacture and repackaging must be labeled (see, [GAIN-SRI LANKA | CE2023-0011 | Sri Lanka Enacts New Legislation for Food Labeling and Advertising](#) and attachments).



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Government Notifications

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FOOD ACT, No. 26 OF 1980

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Health, in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee under Section 32 of the Food Act, No. 26 of 1980.

Dr. RAMESH PATHIRANA,
Minister of Health.

Colombo,
27th December, 2023.

Regulations

The Food (Labelling and Advertising) Regulations 2022, published in *Gazette Extraordinary*, No. 2319/40 of February 14, 2023 is hereby amended by the repeal of regulation 1 thereof, and the substitution thereof, of the following regulation:-

“1. These regulations may be cited as Food (Labelling and Advertising) Regulations 2022 and shall come into operation on January 01, 2025.”.

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Attachments:

[Food \(Labeling and Advertising\) Regulations \(2005\).pdf](#)

[Food \(Labelling and Advertising\) Regulation \(2022\) - Amendment.pdf](#)

[Food \(Labelling and Advertising\) Regulation \(2022\).pdf](#)

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