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Labeling Requirements Update

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Report Highlights:

Labeling requirements update based on latest government ordinances.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Labeling Requirements in Bulgaria, updated with Ordinances of Council of Ministers, No 288 enforced November 25, 2004 and Ordinance No 213, enforced October 5, 2005**Labels must contain following obligatory information in Bulgarian language:**

1. Imported food products must be labeled with the same name as given in the country of origin. In case the name of the food product is not definitive enough itself, explanatory definition must be provided;
2. Trade mark;
3. Name and address of producer;
4. Name and address of importer;
5. List of ingredients and supplements in processed foods;
6. GMO products or ingredients must be defined as GMO with their specific characteristics. The regulation requires food products containing threshold limit of 1 percent maize, GM soybean or other GMO's to be appropriately labeled. Imported biotech products follow special procedure. It is importer's obligation to submit an application and get permission from Bulgarian authorities.
7. It is not necessary to list ingredients in food products with content of one product with the same name and when the name of the product is with sufficient identification;
8. Nutrient content;
9. Health claims;
10. Date of packaging;
11. Validity - expiration date must be marked as follows:
 - validity of 3 months and less - day and month,
 - validity more than 3 months and less than 18 months year - month and year
 - validity more than 18 months - year
12. Perishable products must be marked with " To be used before the date - day and month;
13. Storage conditions.