

TO: All holders of the Fish Products Inspection Manual

SUBJECT: RESPONSIBILITY FOR LABELLING OF POUCHED AND CANNED FISH

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform manual holders of the policy concerning responsibilities for proper labelling of pouched/canned fish.

As per the Fish Inspection Regulations, proper labelling of pouched/canned fish is the responsibility of the processor.

Normally, labels are applied in the plant (or the warehouse) where the processing takes place. However, in some cases unlabelled cans/pouches are sold to the distributor and the distributor applies their own labels. In these situations, labelling is delegated from the processor to the distributor. This practice is acceptable but must be supported by a written agreement stating that the distributor accepts responsibility for label compliance. The processor remains responsible for providing the distributor with complete and truthful information regarding the product which is required for proper labelling.

Please note that the production code on each pouch/can must always be applied at the plant.

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