

Legal Metrology with regard to Pre-Packaged Goods

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Prepackaged Goods in domestic trade



Approx. 95 % of all goods in a supermarket are prepacked goods: "Prepackages"





Free flow of goods over the world



Traded pre-packaged goods are estimated to account more than 75 per cent of the total value of commodities traded

Products sold by e-commerce

Prepackaged Goods

Legal metrology





Role of legal metrology

OIML D1: ensure consumer protection and fair trade of economic operators









Prepackaged Goods

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Single item for presentation as such to a consumer, consisting of a product and its packing material, made up before being offered for sale and in which the quantity of product has a predetermined value, whether the packing material encloses the product completely or only partially, but in any case in such a way the actual quantity of product cannot be altered without the packing material either being opened of undergoing a perceptible modification



"Pre-packaged goods are packed and sealed in the absence of the buyer, whereby the amount of the product contained therein cannot be changed.



Businesses and Consumer Awareness

- Educational programs and social campaign initiatives are not massive organized
- Government Public Relation role has not yet covered wide range of community either through conventional mass media or digital/electronic mass media

Government resources

- Limited resources of government which are unbalance with number of packers and scope of products
- International/regional quantity marking as an alternative approach of prepackaged goods



Prepackaged Goods Control in Indonesia

Act No. 81/1981 of Legal Metrology Government Government Regulation No. Regulation No. 29/2021 of Trade 10/1987 of Unit **Activities** of Measurement Regulations Minister of Trade Minister of Trade Regulation Regulation No. No.31/2011 of 26/2017 of Inspection Prep-packaged

Products



- Controlling Labeling and Net Quantity
- More than 1.580 packers ("big company") and 127.000 packers (SMEs)
- Surveillance done by Central and Local Government



Prepackaged Goods Surveillance in Indonesia











Educational material of Prepackaged Goods











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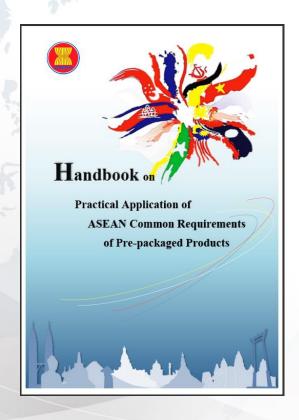
GOALS: Facilitate Free flow of trade in goods

STRATEGIES:

- Harmonisation of Requirements for Pre-packaged Products
- Improvement of legal metrology systems in ASEAN through training and capacity building
- Promotion of ASEAN interest in legal metrology through education to Consumers & Businesses on Legal Metrology



PUBLICATIONS



The contents of this handbook were collected from training documents and drawn upon from practical training experiences.

This handbook is developed for the use of ASEAN member countries to conduct training courses and to perform prepackaged goods control in their countries.



Prepackaged Goods Control within ASEAN

- All Member States regulate pre-packaged goods. The mode of regulating in all Member States is based on relevant domestic and international standards which are predominantly OIML R87, OIML R79, and ACRPP.
- It is also observed the agency in charge of labelling may not necessarily be under a metrology-related department which may have implications on PPGs surveillance and/ or enforcement.





Prepackaged Goods Control within ASEAN

Frequency of Surveillance

- Based on public complaint
- Regular inspection on the market

Pre-packaged Product Tested

- Inspection at warehouse, factory, wholesaler, and retailer
- Trace back to the manufacturer, if there is a mismatch inspected products
- Collaboration with custodian for imported products

Major Test Outcome

- Not meeting labelling requirement in term of font size of quantity
- Below the declared net content

Corrective action

- Educational program to manufacturers/packers
- Subsequent surveillance checks
- Consultation program for importers

Law enforcement

- Warning
- Recall non-compliant products
- Deploy corrective actions in manufacturing or importing
- Pay administrative fines.





APLMF Support for Prepackaged Products

Working Group on Goods Packed by Measure

Objective

To harmonize the requirements for prepacked commodities in the Asia-Pacific economies with a view to removing technical barriers to trade.

Work Programme

- Conducts Training Courses on Prepackaged Goods for APLMF Members
- Develop e-learning module using AQS and OIML R87
- Support events:
 - Social campaign to promote awareness of pre-packaged goods
 - Publication a policy brief
 - Support OIML TC 6 in developing Prepackaged Goods Template





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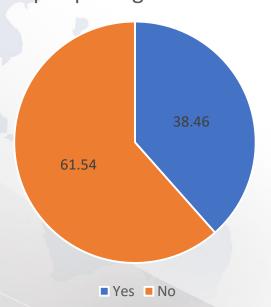


- First Online Training Course with a mixed method: theoretical and practical
- Time: 3 March, 10 March, 17 March, 24 March 2021
- Trainers from Indonesia and New Zealand
- Topics
 - Labelling on pre-packaged goods (OIML R79) and Review OIML Guide 21
 - Sampling procedure at manufactures/packers and in the marketplace (supermarkets, etc.) – OIML R87
 - Net content of pre-packages sold by weight
 - Net content of pre-packages sold by volume

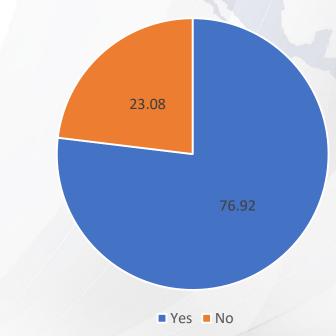


APLMF - MEDEA SURVEY

International/regional quantity mark for pre-packages Goods



Assessment and calculation tool for AQS



Most Members still apply OIML R87 of 2004 version





APLMF Support for Prepackaged Products

- To promote OIML Guide 21/2017 on a Certification System for Prepackages to APLMF Members as a basis of quantity marking system in aiming to establish rules and procedures for fostering confidence that the labeling and quantity of prepackages comply with all the relevant legal requirements, to promote the efficiency of the control of prepackages whilst maintaining confidence in and facilitating trade of prepackaged goods, and to promote the harmonization, uniform interpretation and implementation of legal metrology requirements for the quantity of product in prepackages including labelling requirements and of production system requirements.
- To conduct training course on OIML R87 edition 2016 due to there are still many APLMF Members employing assessment and calculation tool based on OIML R87 edition 2004. Frozen food and drained weight products are priorities topics on training course.
- To promote the awareness of stakeholders (e.g., manufacturers, packers and public sectors on the labelling and quantity of prepackaged goods).





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