

Council Directive of 21 December 1988 on the approximation
of the laws of the Member States relating to quick-
frozen foodstuffs for human consumption (89/108/EEC)

Article 8

1 Directive 79/112/EEC shall apply to products covered by this Directive and intended for supply without further processing to the ultimate consumer and to restaurants, hospitals, canteens and other similar mass caterers on the following conditions:

- a one or more of the following shall be added to the sales name:
 - in Danish: ‘dybfrossen’,
 - in German: ‘tiefgefroren’ or ‘Tiefkühlkost’ or ‘tiefgekühlt’ or ‘gefrostet’,
 - in Spanish: ‘ultracongelado’ or ‘congelado rápidamente’,
 - in Greek: ‘βαθείας κατάψυξης’ or ‘ταχείας κατάψυξης’ or ‘υπερκατεψυγμένα’,
 - in English: ‘quick-frozen’,
 - in French: ‘surgelé’,
 - in Italian: ‘surgelato’,
 - in Dutch: ‘diepvries’,
 - in Portuguese: ‘ultracongelado’^{[F1][F2,]}
 - ^{[F3][F2]}in Finnish: ‘pakastettu’,
 - in Swedish: ‘djupfrys’^[F4,]
 - ^[F5]in Czech: ‘hluboce zmrazené nebo hluboce zmrazená nebo hluboce zmrazený’,
 - in Estonian: ‘sügavkülmutatud or külmutatud’,
 - in Latvian: ‘ātri sasaldēts’,
 - in Lithuanian: ‘greitai užšaldyti’,
 - in Hungarian: ‘gyorsfagyasztott’,
 - in Maltese: ‘iffriżat’,
 - in Polish: ‘produkt głęboko mrożony’,
 - in Slovenian: ‘hitro zamrznjen’,
 - in Slovak: ‘hlbokozmrazené’^[F6,]
 - ^[F7]in Bulgarian: ‘бързо замразена’,
 - in Romanian: ‘congelare rapidă’^[F8,]
 - ^[F9]in Croatian: ‘brzo smrznuto’;
- b in addition to the date of minimum durability, the period during which quick-frozen products may be stored by the purchaser and the storage temperature and/or type of storage equipment required must be indicated;
- c the labelling of any quick-frozen foodstuff must include a reference from which the batch may be identified;
- d the label of any quick-frozen foodstuff must bear a clear message of the type ‘do not refreeze after defrosting’.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded (94/C 241/08).
- F2** Substituted by Decision of the Council of the European Union of 1 January 1995 adjusting the instruments concerning the accession of new Member States to the European Union (95/1/EC, Euratom, ECSC).
- F3** Inserted by Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded (94/C 241/08).
- F4** Substituted by Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded.
- F5** Inserted by Act concerning the conditions of accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic and the adjustments to the Treaties on which the European Union is founded.
- F6** Substituted by Council Directive 2006/107/EC of 20 November 2006 adapting Directive 89/108/EEC relating to quick-frozen foodstuffs for human consumption and Directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs, by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania.
- F7** Inserted by Council Directive 2006/107/EC of 20 November 2006 adapting Directive 89/108/EEC relating to quick-frozen foodstuffs for human consumption and Directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs, by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania.
- F8** Substituted by Council Directive 2013/20/EU of 13 May 2013 adapting certain directives in the field of food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy, by reason of the accession of the Republic of Croatia.
- F9** Inserted by Council Directive 2013/20/EU of 13 May 2013 adapting certain directives in the field of food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy, by reason of the accession of the Republic of Croatia.