

ANNEX X

DATE OF MINIMUM DURABILITY, 'USE BY' DATE AND DATE OF FREEZING

1. The date of minimum durability shall be indicated as follows:
 - (a) the date shall be preceded by the words:
 - 'Best before ...' when the date includes an indication of the day,
 - 'Best before end ...' in other cases,
 - (b) the words referred to in point (a) shall be accompanied by:
 - either the date itself, or,
 - a reference to where the date is given on the labelling,

If need be, these particulars shall be followed by a description of the storage conditions which must be observed if the product is to keep for the specified period;
 - (c) the date shall consist of the day, the month and possibly, the year, in that order and in uncoded form.

However, in the case of foods:

 - which will not keep for more than 3 months, an indication of the day and the month shall be sufficient,
 - which will keep for more than 3 months but not more than 18 months, an indication of the month and year shall be sufficient,
 - which will keep for more than 18 months, an indication of the year shall be sufficient,
 - (d) subject to [^{F1}provisions in EU-derived domestic legislation or retained direct EU legislation] imposing other types of date indication, an indication of the date of minimum durability shall not be required for:
 - fresh fruit and vegetables, including potatoes, which have not been peeled, cut or similarly treated; this derogation shall not apply to sprouting seeds and similar products such as legume sprouts,
 - wines, liqueur wines, sparkling wines, aromatised wines, and similar products obtained from fruit other than grapes, and beverages falling within CN code 2206 00 obtained from grapes or grape musts,
 - beverages containing 10 % or more by volume of alcohol,
 - bakers' or pastry cooks' wares which, given the nature of their content, are normally consumed within 24 hours of their manufacture,
 - vinegar,
 - cooking salt,
 - solid sugar,
 - confectionery products consisting almost solely of flavoured and/or coloured sugars,
 - [^{X1}chewing gums and similar chewing products.]

Editorial Information

- X1** Substituted by [Corrigendum to Regulation \(EU\) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on the provision of food information to consumers, amending Regulations \(EC\) No 1924/2006 and \(EC\) No 1925/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing](#)

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council, ANNEX X. (See end of Document for details)

Commission Directive 87/250/EEC, Council Directive 90/496/EEC, Commission Directive 1999/10/EC, Directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, Commission Directives 2002/67/EC and 2008/5/EC and Commission Regulation (EC) No 608/2004 (Official Journal of the European Union L 304 of 22 November 2011).

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in Annex 10(1)(d) substituted (31.12.2020) by [The Food \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/529\)](#), regs. 1, **5(32)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

2. The ‘use by’ date shall be indicated as follows:
- (a) it shall be preceded by the words ‘use by ...’;
 - (b) the words in point (a) shall be accompanied by:
 - either the date itself, or,
 - a reference to where the date is given on the labelling,

Those particulars shall be followed by a description of the storage conditions which must be observed;
 - (c) the date shall consist of the day, the month and, possibly, the year, in that order and in uncoded form;
 - (d) the ‘use by’ date shall be indicated on each individual prepacked portion.
3. The date of freezing or the date of first freezing as referred to in point 6 of Annex III shall be indicated as follows:
- (a) it shall be preceded by the words ‘Frozen on ...’;
 - (b) the words referred to in point (a) shall be accompanied by:
 - the date itself, or,
 - a reference to where the date is given on the labelling,
 - (c) the date shall consist of the day, the month and the year, in that order and in uncoded form.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council, ANNEX X.