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Processed Foods

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Report Highlights:

Parties interested in exporting to Malaysia should be aware that the Food Safety and Quality Department of the Malaysian Ministry of Health is strictly enforcing nutrition labeling requirements for processed foods. It is important for all U.S. food exporters to adhere to the nutrition labeling law requirements to avoid both potential delays at port and mandatory product re-labeling to meet Malaysian requirements.

Summary and Background:

The Malaysian Food Act 1983 Regulation 18B states that nutrition labels should express nutritional information, "per 100 grams or per 100 milliliters or per package if the package contains only a single portion and per serving as quantified on the label" (see attached).

The Malaysian Ministry of Health (MOH) confirmed that importers are allowed to attach stickers and/or supplementary labels on the existing labels to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Malaysian Food Act 1983 and its regulations. MOH advises that importers use a quality sticker that is permanently attached on the existing label so that it is easily read and does not mislead consumers.

Please see the Malaysia <u>Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards Country Report</u>, Section II. Labeling Requirements, for more information.

Attachments:

Regulation 18B.pdf