

DISPOSABLE WIPES LABELING REQUIREMENTS (EXCERPT)
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324.95133 Sale of certain disposable wipes; labeling requirements; exceptions; submission and approval of symbol and label notice; effective date.

Sec. 3.

(1) Except as otherwise provided under subsection (4), a covered product sold, offered for sale, or distributed for sale in this state must include 1 of the following labels prominently displayed in a conspicuous location that is reasonably viewable each time a covered product is dispensed:

(a) If the package is cylindrical or near cylindrical, comply with 1 of the following options:

(i) The symbol and label notice must be placed on the principal display panel.

(ii) The symbol must be placed on the principal display panel and the symbol or label notice, or both, must be placed on the flip lid. If the symbol or label notice, or both, is placed on the flip lid under this subparagraph, the symbol or label notice, or both, must cover at least 8% of the surface of the flip lid and may be embossed.

(b) If the package is a flexible film package, the symbol must be placed on the principal display panel and dispensing side panel. The label notice must be placed on the principal display panel or the dispensing side panel, or both.

(c) If the package is a refillable tub or other rigid packaging intended to be reused, the symbol and label notice must be placed on the principal display panel.

(d) If the packaging is not subject to the requirements described under subdivision (a), (b), or (c), the symbol and label notice must be placed on the principal display panel.

(2) The labels described under subsections (1) and (3) must comply with all of the following:

(a) The seams, fold, or other package design elements must not obscure the symbol and label notice.

(b) The symbol and label notice must appear in sharp contrast to the background.

(c) The symbol must be sized equal to at least 2% of the surface area of the principal display panel.

(3) If a covered product is sold, offered for sale, or distributed for sale in bulk packaging the label on each individual package of covered products and the outer bulk packaging must meet the requirements described under subsection (1), as applicable. This subsection does not apply to either of the following:

(a) The individual package of covered products contained within the outer bulk packaging that are not intended to dispense individual wipes and contain no retail labeling.

(b) The outer bulk packaging that does not obscure the symbol and label notice on the individual packages of covered products.

(4) If a covered product is sold, offered for sale, or distributed for sale in combination with another consumer product, the outer bulk packaging of the combination product and the outer packaging of the other consumer product do not have to comply with the requirements of subsection (3). If a covered product is sold, offered for sale, or distributed for sale in combination with another consumer product and the packaging of the combination product is smaller than 3 inches by 3 inches, the label on the covered product complies with the requirements of subsection (1) if the symbol and label notice are placed on the covered product in a conspicuous location that is reasonably viewable.

(5) Covered products sold, offered for sale, or distributed for sale in this state must not make any representation, including through the use of a product name, endorsement, depiction, illustration, trademark, or trade name, that a covered product is flushable.

(6) The label requirements described under subsection (1) apply to covered products that are regulated pursuant to, and to the extent any label requirements do not conflict with, either of the following:

(a) The federal hazardous substances act, 15 USC 1261 to 1278.

(b) The federal insecticide, fungicide, and rodenticide act, 7 USC 136 to 136y.

(7) Not later than February 1, 2025, if a covered product is required to be registered with the agency or department under the federal insecticide, fungicide, and rodenticide act, 7 USC 136 to 136y, a manufacturer of a covered product shall submit a copy of a symbol and label notice that meets the requirements under subsection (1) to the agency and department. If the agency approves, or partially approves, the symbol and label notice, the manufacturer of the covered product shall submit a copy of the approved symbol and label notice to the department, and begin using the symbol and label notice, or portion of the symbol or label notice, that the agency approved. If the agency or department does not approve the symbol and label notice, the manufacturer of the covered product must use the symbol and label notice that was previously approved by the agency until the agency approves a new symbol and label notice. A symbol and label notice that is approved or partially approved under this subsection must be in use within 6 months after the symbol and label notice are approved by the agency. As used in this subsection:

(a) "Agency" means the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

- (b) "Department" means the department of agriculture and rural development.
- (8) This section is effective beginning on February 1, 2025.

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