

Public Law 102-329
102d Congress

An Act

To make technical amendments to the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act with respect to its treatment of the SI metric system, and for other purposes.

Aug. 3, 1992

[H.R. 5343]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.

The Fair Packaging and Labeling Act (15 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in sections 4(a)(2), (4), and (5), 4(b), and 5(c)(1), by striking “weight” and inserting in lieu thereof “weight or mass”; 15 USC 1453, 1454.

(2) in sections 4(a)(5) and 5(d), by striking “weights” and inserting in lieu thereof “weights or masses”;

(3) in section 4(a)(2), by inserting “, using the most appropriate units of both the customary inch/pound system of measure, as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, and, except as provided in paragraph (3)(A)(ii) or paragraph (6) of this subsection, the SI metric system” after “panel of that label”;

(4) in section 4(a)(3)(A)—

(A) by striking “containing less than four pounds” and all that follows through “pounds for weight units” in clause (i) and inserting in lieu thereof “labeled in terms of weight, shall be expressed in pounds”;

(B) by striking “two” in clause (ii) and inserting in lieu thereof “three”;

(C) by inserting “and is not required to, but may, include a statement in terms of the SI metric system carried out to not more than three decimal places” after “decimal places” in clause (ii);

(D) by striking “both in terms of inches and” in clause (iii) and inserting in lieu thereof “in terms of”; and

(E) by striking “both in terms of square inches and” in clause (iv) and inserting in lieu thereof “in terms of”; and

(5) in section 4(a), by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6) The requirement of paragraph (2) that the statement of net quantity of contents include a statement in terms of the SI metric system shall not apply to foods that are packaged at the retail store level.”.

SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

15 USC 1453
note.

The amendments made by section 1 shall take effect on February 14, 1994. The amendments made by section 1 shall have no effect on the sale or distribution of products whose labels have been printed before such effective date. Nothing in the amendments made by section 1 shall apply to unit pricing, advertising, recipe programs, nutrition labeling, or other general pricing information. Nothing in the amendments made by section 1 shall be construed

to require changes in package size or to affect in any way the size of packages.

SEC. 3. REPEAL.

15 USC 1453 and
note, 1454.

Section 107 of the American Technology Preeminence Act of 1991 is repealed.

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