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Part 26: Labelling of tissue products and wipes




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Foreword

This standard is a revision of and supersedes JS 1: Part 26: 2014. It was revised to enhance labelling requirements for tissue products and to include requirements for labelling of wipes.

This standard provides the information to be supplied on the labels of tissue products and wipes sold to consumers. The preparation of this standard originated from a need to protect the interest of consumers as well as to assist local manufacturers/converters who were experiencing unfair competition in the market place, brought about by the importation of improperly labelled and poor quality products.

This standard is compulsory.

Committee representation

The revision of this standard for the Standards Council, established under the Standards Act 1969, was carried out by the Bureau's Labelling Committee which at the time comprised the following members respectively:

Acknowledgement

Acknowledgement is made to the Tissue Paper Technical Committee for their contribution to the development of this standard.

Related documents

This standard makes reference to the following:

- JS 350 Jamaican Standard Specification for Labelling of goods: Specific requirements for prepackaged goods
- JS 51 Jamaican Standard Specification for Paper: Toilet tissue.

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Labelling of tissue products and wipes

1. Scope

1.1 This standard describes requirements for the labelling of tissue products and wipes offered for sale by retail or wholesale trade in Jamaica.

1.2 It applies to prepackaged tissue products such as toilet tissue, facial tissue, paper table napkins, paper hand towels and wipes.

2. Definitions

For the purpose of this standard the following definitions apply:

2.1 double ply (two ply). Consisting of two sheets of paper.

2.2 facial tissue. A tissue paper that is suitable for use as disposable handkerchiefs and as a general sanitary cosmetic tissue

2.3 label. Any tag, brand, mark, pictorial or other descriptive matter, written, printed, stencilled, marked, embossed or impressed on, or attached to a container.

2.4 package. A container, wrapper, confining band in or on which any goods are enclosed for use in the delivery or display of that commodity to retail or wholesale purchasers.

2.5 paper hand towel. Absorbent paper used for general cleaning purposes including personal hygiene.

2.7 paper table napkin. A tissue paper, plain or embossed, of variable sizes, intended for use during dining.

2.8 prepackaged. Goods that are placed in advance of sale in the final package for which it is intended for retail sale.

2.9 principal display panel. The part of the package which is most likely to be displayed, shown or examined under customary conditions of display for retail sale.

2.10 recycled paper. Paper comprising 60% or more secondary fibres.

2.11 roll. Continuous length of paper wound around a core.

2.12 sheet. Comprised of one or more plies of lightweight paper.

2.13 single ply. Consisting of one sheet of paper.

2.14 toilet tissue. Tissue paper intended for sanitary use and suitable for disposal in sanitary systems.

2.15 wipe. A piece of paper or cloth intended for cleaning purposes, including personal hygiene or general cleaning, which may come folded and/or individually wrapped.

3. Detailed requirements

3.1 Tissue products

3.1.1 The label shall be in conformance with JS 349 and JS 350 and include statements giving information as follows:

- (a) the common or usual name of the commodity, a generic name, or appropriately descriptive term such as a statement of function or the name required by or specified in any applicable regulation together with any trade name or brand name controlled by the manufacturer;
- (b) the name of the local manufacturer, preceded by the words “Manufactured by”, and their principal or identifiable address followed by the word Jamaica,
- (c) If the locally manufactured product is rebranded or distributed under another label, it shall state the principal or identifiable address of the distributor preceded by the words “distributed by....” and the name of the country of origin. “Product of Jamaica” or “Manufactured in Jamaica”
- (d) For imported products, the name of the manufacturer or distributor and their principal or identifiable address and the name of the country of origin. The names of the importer, packer, distributor and their principal or identifiable address shall be preceded by the words “manufactured by.....”, “packed by....”, “distributed by.....”.
- (e) the number of sheets on the roll or in the package;
- (f) for multi-unit packages, the number of units in each package;
- (g) the size of each sheet;
- (h) the ply of the tissue paper;
- (i) the colour, if not visible through the package;
- (j) % recycled paper, if used.
- (k) indication of scented, fragranced etc.,
- (l) ingredient list to include chemical additives/perfumes if the tissue is scented through the paper and not the core.
- (m) If textural additives are used e.g. aloe vera, these ingredients should be declared.

3.2 Wipes

3.2.1 General

The label of wipes shall include the information stated in **3.1.1** (a), (b), (e), (h), (i), (j) and the following additional information:

- (a) the number of wipes;
- (b) for multi-unit packages, the number of units in each package;
- (c) intended use;
- (d) suitability for disposal in sanitary systems;
- (e) indication of wet or dry;
- (f) active ingredient, if applicable;
- (g) directions for use and dispensing;
- (h) expiration date.

3.2.2 Disinfecting wipes

In addition to the requirements of 3.2.1, the label of cleaning or disinfecting wipes shall include the following:

- (a) the following warning statement

WARNING! Keep out of reach of children. Does not use as a baby wipe.

- (b) the directions for first aid or medical treatment.

4. Tissue products for institutions

4.1 Packaged tissue products, intended for the hospitality industry, schools, hospitals and other such institutions shall be appropriately packaged in paper or plastic.

4.1.1 The package shall be labelled with any of the following phrases:

- (a) for institutional use;
- (b) for hospitality industry;
- (c) not for retail sale.

4.2 The package shall be labelled in a bold print in letter size not less than 10 mm.

4.3 The transit container with the rolls of tissue products shall display on its principal display panel the following information:

- (a) The common or usual name of the commodity, a generic name, or appropriately descriptive term such as a statement of function or the name required by or specified in any applicable regulation together with any trade name or brand name controlled by the manufacturer
- (b) the name of the local manufacturer and his principal or identifiable address followed by the word Jamaica,
- (c) If the locally manufactured product is rebranded or distributed under another label, it shall state "distributed by...." And the name of the country of origin. "Product of Jamaica" or "Manufactured in Jamaica"
- (d) For imported products, the name of the manufacturer and his principal or identifiable address and the name of the country of origin. The names of the importer, packer, distributor and their principal or identifiable address shall be preceded by the words "manufactured by....", "packed by....", "distributed by....".
- (e) net quantity;
- (f) if perforated, the number of sheets on the roll or in the package and the size of each sheet;
- (g) where the tissue is not perforated, the total length of each roll;
- (h) the colour.

5. Presentation of information

5.1 The information required by clause 3 and 4.3 shall be clearly and prominently displayed and readily legible, and shall not be obscured by designs or other written, printed or graphic matter.

5.2 The information required by 3.1.1 (a), (c), (d), (e), (f), (i), and 3.1.2 (a), (b), (c) and (e) shall be placed on the principal display panel of the package.

5.3 The information required by **4.3** (a), (c), (d), (e) and (f) shall be placed on the principal display panel of the package.

5.4 All new and revised labels shall be submitted to the Bureau of Standards for approval. It is recommended that this is done at the design stage.

6. Responsibility for labelling

It is the responsibility of any person who sells or distributes any goods covered herein to see that they are properly labelled as required by this standard.

7. Conflict

In the event of conflict between the provisions of this standard and the labelling provision of any other Jamaican standard relating to a particular tissue paper product, the latter shall prevail.

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