



Australian Government

**Department of Agriculture
and Water Resources**

New country of origin food labelling requirements

Information for food importers

From 1 July 2018, the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources will inspect imported food to ensure it complies with the *Country of Origin Food Labelling Information Standard 2016*.



Food importers must comply with new labelling requirements for priority and non-priority food.

Food labels require a country of origin claim and will be assessed as follows:

Priority food	Non-priority food
<p>The country of origin claim must be shown within a box.</p> <p>For example:</p> <div data-bbox="115 505 478 598" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">Product of Spain</div>	<p>A box is not required around the country of origin claim. A food will be a priority item unless it belongs to one of the following non-priority food categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• alcoholic drinks• biscuits and snack foods• bottled water• confectionery• seasonings• soft drinks and sports drinks• tea and coffee

All food packaged before 1 July 2018 is compliant if it meets the requirements of either the Information Standard or the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code Standard 1.2.11. A manufacturer or statutory declaration by the importer must be supplied at inspection for food compliant with Standard 1.2.11 packaged prior to 1 July 2018.

Find out more about the new country of origin food labelling requirements at agriculture.gov.au/country-of-origin-food-labelling.