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LABELING

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- **What is a Label?**
 - Identification system
 - A marketing tool
 - A communication tool between the product and the consumer
 - A quality and security indicator
 - A Standard
 - Information

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STAND BAG → Recheis Standbeutel

PRODUCT LINE → Produktlinie

WEIGHT → Gewichtsangabe

PROTECTIVE CLIP (RE-CLOSE) → Recheis Clip wiederverschließbar

COOKING INSTRUCTIONS → Hinweis auf Kochzeit

TYPE → Sorte

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TYPE DESCRIPTION → Sorte, Sachbezeichnung, Zutaten

INGREDIENTS → Durchschnittsanalyse

ANALYSIS → Recheis Homepage

HOMEPAGE → Verbraucherinfo

CUSTOMER INFORMATION → Kundentelefon

WEIGHT → Gewichtsangabe

COOKING INSTRUCTIONS → Kochzeit, Kochanleitung

RECIPE → Recheis Genuss Rezept

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- **Consumers Needs**
- Food composition
- Health
 - Nutrition fact, Allergies ,Additives & Preservatives
- Production processes
 - Environmentally friendly practices
 - New technologies
- Freshness and production date
 - Temperatures & relative humidity
- Uses & Methods
- Geographic Origin
- Communications with kids, adults, elderly , illiterate & blinds

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- **Legislations**
- Codes, practices and acts
 - FDA (USA) www.fda.org
 - EU (Europa) <http://europa.eu.int>
 - JFSSG (Inglaterra)
<http://www.foodlaw.rdg.ac.uk/label/>
 - Codex Alimentarius (WHO y FAO)
[http://www.codexalimentarius.net/web/index_e
n.jsp](http://www.codexalimentarius.net/web/index_en.jsp)

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- **Main Labeling Requirements**
 - Food name & Description
 - Ingredients list
 - Quantities of some foods
 - Net weight (in grams)
 - Minimum shelf life
 - Storage conditions
 - Name and address of the manufacturer, packer or seller.
 - Place of origin
 - Use instructions
 - Alcohol amount (more than 1.2% per volume)
 - Label must indicate the presence of GMO's (only in EU)
 - Nutritional value:
 - 90/496/EEC (Standard format for all the state members)
 - Required for all food products (except drinking water)
 - Must include: Carbohydrates, fat, fiber, sodium, minerals and vitamins

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Labeling Regulations for Cigarettes

EU regulations



Maximum per cigarette:
10 mg of tar
1 mg of nicotine
10 mg of carbon monoxide

Additional health warning:
Must cover 40% of the rear of the packet

General health warning:
Must cover 30% of the external area

Listing of the cigarette contents:
Must cover 10% of side panel

Words:
Such as "mild" or "light", suggesting the cigarettes to be less harmful, banned



FLIP-TOP BOX

Marlboro

Get help to stop smoking: consult your doctor or pharmacist

Marlboro

Smoking kills

Marlboro

Smoking causes fatal lung cancer

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Front Panel Content according to US regulations

- **Brand:** is the company brand or umbrella brand that gives a quality statement to the product. Is a quality back up
- **Name of the product:** is the commercial name of the product
- **Description of the product:**
- **Net Weight:** Always ounces first and grams in parenthesis as Net Weight ____ Oz (____g).




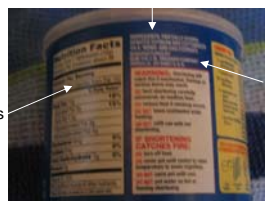

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Information Panel should include

- Nutrition Fact
- List of ingredients: in descendent order..
- Produced by, or Packed by or distributed by.
- Name, address, phone, e-mail and web page

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Nutrition Facts
Serving Size 1 cup (226g)
Serving Per Container 2

Amount Per Serving
Calories 260 Calories from Fat 120

% Daily Value*

Total Fat	13g	20%
Saturated Fat	5g	25%
Trans Fat	2g	
Cholesterol	30mg	10%
Sodium	680mg	28%
Total Carbohydrate	31g	10%
Dietary Fiber	0g	0%
Sugars	5g	
Protein	5g	

Vitamin A 4% Vitamin C 2%
Calcium 15% Iron 4%

*Percent Daily Values are based on a diet of other people's secrets.
Your Daily Values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.

	Calories: 2,000	2,500
Total Fat	Less than 85g	80g
Sat Fat	Less than 30g	25g
Cholesterol	Less than 300mg	300mg
Sodium	Less than 2,400mg	2,400mg
Total Carbohydrate	300g	375g
Dietary Fiber	25g	30g

Annotations:
 - Helvetica Regular 8 point with 1 point of leading
 - 3 point rule
 - 8 point Helvetica Black with 4 points of leading
 - 1/4 point rule centered between nutrients (2 points leading above and 2 points below)
 - 8 point Helvetica Regular with 4 points of leading
 - 8 point Helvetica Regular, 4 points of leading with 10 point bullets.
 - Franklin Gothic Heavy or Helvetica Black, flush left & flush right, no smaller than 13 point
 - 7 point rule
 - 6 point Helvetica Black
 - All labels enclosed by 1/2 point box rule within 3 points of text measure
 - 1/4 point rule
 - Type below vitamins and minerals (footnotes) is 6 point with 1 point of leading

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- **Main Mistakes in Labeling in some Lebanese Companies**
- Language & Translation
- Missing Nutrition Fact & Format
- Missing Weight (or not writing it according to destination market)
- Not Explaining the name of the product, lack of description (ex : Meghli, Kishkek, Kebbe), they assume that other countries understand it
- Misleading pictures and names about the real packed product.
- Lack of consistency in the logo,
- Not mentioning the address of the company and its contact
- Lack of UPC or Bar code
- Claims. (ex: this product might reduce weight..etc)
- Using protected Characters (ex Disney)
- Not registering their logo and brand name at MOET
- Not mentioning all the ingredients and allergens

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