

Directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of
20 March 2000 on the approximation of the laws of the Member States
relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs (repealed)

Article 10

1 In the case of foodstuffs which, from the microbiological point of view, are highly perishable and are therefore likely after a short period to constitute an immediate danger to human health, the date of minimum durability shall be replaced by the ‘use by’ date.

2 The date shall be preceded by the words:

- [^{F1}in Bulgarian: ‘използвай преди’,
- in Spanish: ‘fecha de caducidad’,
- in Czech: ‘spotřebujte do’,
- in Danish: ‘sidste anvendelsesdato’,
- in German: ‘verbrauchen bis’,
- in Estonian: ‘kõlblik kuni’,
- in Greek: ‘ανάλωση μέχρι’,
- in English: ‘use by’,
- in French: ‘à consommer jusqu’au’,
- [^{F2}in Croatian: ‘upotrijebiti do’,]
- in Italian: ‘da consumare entro’,
- in Latvian: ‘izlietot līdz’,
- in Lithuanian: ‘tinka vartoti iki’,
- in Hungarian: ‘fogyasztható’,
- in Maltese: ‘uża sa’,
- in Dutch: ‘te gebruiken tot’,
- in Polish: ‘należy spożyć do’,
- in Portuguese: ‘a consumir até’,
- in Romanian: ‘expiră la data de’,
- in Slovak: ‘spotrebujte do’,
- in Slovenian: ‘porabiti do’,
- in Finnish: ‘viimeinen käyttöajankohta’,
- in Swedish: ‘sista förbrukningsdag’.]

These words shall be accompanied by:

- either the date itself, or
- a reference to where the date is given on the labelling.

These particulars shall be followed by a description of the storage conditions which must be observed.

3 The date shall consist of the day, the month and, possibly, the year, in that order and in uncoded form.

4 In some cases it may be decided by the procedure laid down in Article 20(2) whether the conditions laid down in paragraph 1 are fulfilled.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by Council Directive 2006/107/EC of 20 November 2006 adapting Directive 89/108/EEC relating to quick-frozen foodstuffs for human consumption and Directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the labelling, presentation and advertising of foodstuffs, by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania.
- F2** Inserted by Council Directive 2013/20/EU of 13 May 2013 adapting certain directives in the field of food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy, by reason of the accession of the Republic of Croatia.