

Council Directive 2001/110/EC of 20 December 2001 relating to honey

Article 2

Directive 2000/13/EC shall apply to the products defined in Annex I, subject to the following conditions:

1. the term 'honey' shall be applied only to the product defined in Annex I, point 1, and shall be used in trade to designate that product;
2. the product names referred to in Annex I, points 2 and 3, shall apply only to the products defined therein and shall be used in trade to designate them. These names may be replaced by the simple product name 'honey', except in the case of filtered honey, comb honey, chunk honey or cut comb in honey and baker's honey.

However,

- (a) in the case of baker's honey, the words 'intended for cooking only' shall appear on the label in close proximity to the product name;
- (b) except in the case of filtered honey and baker's honey, the product names may be supplemented by information referring to:
 - floral or vegetable origin, if the product comes wholly or mainly from the indicated source and possesses the organoleptic, physico-chemical and microscopic characteristics of the source,
 - regional, territorial or topographical origin, if the product comes entirely from the indicated source,
 - specific quality criteria;
3. where baker's honey has been used as an ingredient in a compound foodstuff, the term 'honey' may be used in the product name of the compound food instead of the term 'baker's honey'. However, in the list of ingredients, the term as referred to in Annex I, point 3, shall be used;
4. (a) ^[F1]The country or countries of origin where the honey has been harvested shall be indicated on the label.

Notwithstanding the first subparagraph, if the honey originates in more than one Member State or third country, the indication of the countries of origin may be replaced with one of the following, as appropriate:

 - 'blend of EU honeys',
 - 'blend of non-EU honeys',
 - 'blend of EU and non-EU honeys';]
- (b) For the purpose of Directive 2000/13/EC and in particular Articles 13, 14, 16 and 17 thereof, the particulars to be indicated according to subparagraph (a) shall be considered as indications according to Article 3 of that Directive^[F1];]
5. ^[F2]pollen, being a natural constituent particular to honey, shall not be considered to be an ingredient, within the meaning of point (f) of Article 2(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council⁽¹⁾, of the products defined in Annex I to this Directive.]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** Substituted by [Directive 2014/63/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 amending Council Directive 2001/110/EC relating to honey](#).
- F2** Inserted by [Directive 2014/63/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 amending Council Directive 2001/110/EC relating to honey](#).

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- (1) [^{F2}Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2011 on the provision of food information to consumers, amending Regulations (EC) No 1924/2006 and (EC) No 1925/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council, and repealing Commission Directive 87/250/EEC, Council Directive 90/496/EEC, Commission Directive 1999/10/EC, Directive 2000/13/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, Commission Directives 2002/67/EC and 2008/5/EC and Commission Regulation (EC) No 608/2004 (OJ L 304, 22.11.2011, p. 18).]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Inserted by [Directive 2014/63/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 amending Council Directive 2001/110/EC relating to honey.](#)