

# MARKING REQUIREMENTS OF HONEY, AND MIXTURES OF BEE PRODUCTS

## Background

The sale of honey and mixtures of bee products in South Africa is regulated in terms of the Agricultural Product Standards Act, 1990 (Act No. 119 of 1990), Regulation No. R.835 dated 25 August 2000. Compliance with the requirements of the relevant regulations is quite instrumental to enhance traceability and market access of honey and mixtures of bee products

## A marked honey bottle must contain the following:



SUNFLOWER HONEY	→	The name of the product (indication of source e.g. "Sunflower" is optional)
Choice grade	→	Grade
DALRRD 30 Hamilton Street, Harvest House Pretoria, 0001	→	Name and business address of Producer/Packer
500g	→	The net mass
Irradiated	→	The word irradiated/radurised (imported honey)
26/08/14	→	Date of packing (can be used for lot identification)
Lot no: Lm260814	→	The lot identification no.
Product of South Africa	→	The country of origin of the contents

## Please note:

- The required marking requirements shall appear in letters not less than **1mm** in height on the honey container
- The name of the product in letters at least **4mm** high
- The grade of the contents in letters at least **2mm** high
- In case of raw honey, the words "**raw**" or "unprocessed" in letters at least **2mm** high
- The word "**irradiated**" or "**radurised**", where applicable in letters at least **3mm** high
- The ingredient list (where applicable) should comply with the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972) from the department of Health
- The net mass must be indicated in accordance with the Legal Metrology Act, 2014 (Act No. 9 of 2014) as applied by the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS).

### For a complete regulation visit our website

<http://www.dalrrd.gov.za.Branches/Agriculture-Production-Health-Food-Safety/Food-safety-Quality-Assurance/Local-and-Import-Regulations/Processed-products-honey-regulation>

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