

## Labelling of Honey

Honey that is sold prepacked must be labelled with the following:

- The word HONEY which may be prefixed with the type of honey and/or area of origin, e.g. New Forest Heather Honey
- The metric weight must appear – figures to be at least 4mm high for jars exceeding 200 g to 1 kg weights. If the imperial weight is shown it must be in close proximity to the metric and be less prominent. The 'e' symbol if used will be ignored
- Residential address must appear on the label
- The country of origin must be shown on the label. e.g. 'Produce of England'. The country name alone at the end of your address is not sufficient
- A 'best before' date must appear (suggest 2 - 5 years) or an indication of where it can be found e.g. for 'best before' see base of jar. If the date is given in full i.e. day, month and year there is no need for a lot number
- 'Creamed' is no longer legal terminology; please use 'Set', 'Soft Set' or perhaps 'Crystallised'.

All mandatory information must appear either on the packaging, on a label attached to the packaging, or on a label clearly visible through the packaging. The information must be easy to understand, indelible, and it must not be hidden, obscured or interrupted by any other written or pictorial matter.

The labelling and composition of honey is controlled by legislation. 'Honey', 'comb honey', 'blossom honey' etc are 'reserved descriptions' that must only be used to describe a product if it meets the compositional requirements of the Honey (England) Regulations 2015 or the Honey (Wales) Regulations 2015. [Click here](#) for more information on the regulations and labelling requirements,

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