

Draft Trade Guidelines on Regulation of Konjac-containing Jelly Confectionery

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Introduction

Purpose

- Trade Guidelines on Regulation of Konjac-containing Jelly Confectionery (“the Guidelines”)
 - aims to assist the trade in having a better understanding of and complying with the relevant requirements under the Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) (Amendment) Regulation 2025 (“Amendment Regulation”) regarding the regulation of konjac-containing jelly confectionery

Disclaimer

- The Guidelines:
 - should be read in conjunction with the Amendment Regulation, is intended for use as a general reference only
 - does not have the force of the law and should not be interpreted in any manner which would override the provisions of the Amendment Regulation
 - may be amended or supplemented as necessary from time to time

Key features of the Amendment Regulation

- The Amendment Regulation stipulates the composition and labelling requirements for prepackaged jelly confectionery containing konjac
- Some terms defined in the Amendment Regulation and the Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) Regulations (Cap. 132W) are listed

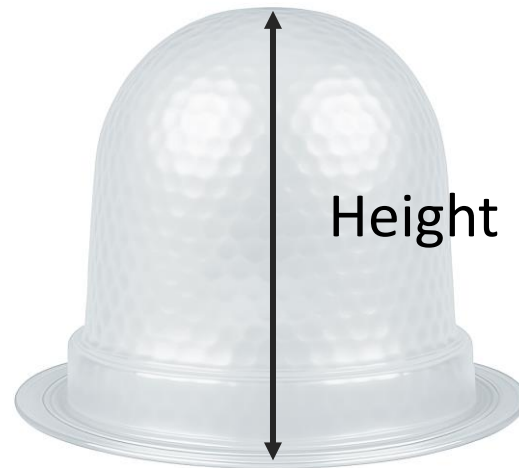
Interpretation of the Composition Requirement for Mini-cup Jelly Confectionery Product

Composition requirement for mini-cup jelly confectionery product

- Schedule 1 , Part I, item 8A of the Amendment Regulation
 - **Jelly** confectionery that is prepackaged food and that is packed **in a mini-cup-shaped container must not contain konjac** if the **height or width** of the container **does not exceed 45mm**
- Mini-cup konjac-containing jelly confectionery with a height or width not exceeding 45mm will be prohibited for sale in the local market

Measurement on the height of mini-cup

- Height: the **maximum internal vertical distance** from the **base to the opening**



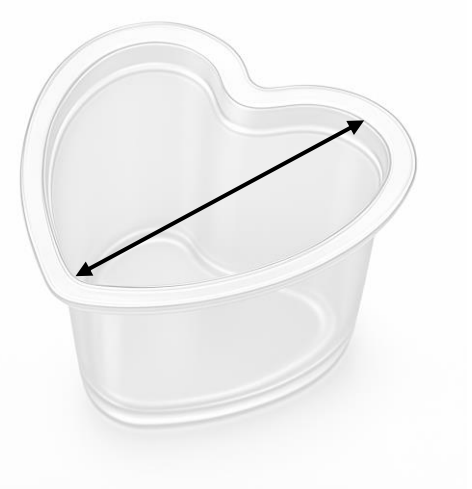
Measurement on the width of mini-cup

- Width: the **inner diameter** or the **maximum inner width of the opening**

Inner diameter



Maximum inner width



Non-mini-cup konjac jelly

- Composition requirement and the related **sale prohibition do not apply to non-mini-cup konjac-containing jelly** confectionery and those meant to be consumed using cutlery



- **Should comply with the specific labelling requirements** stipulated in Schedule 2 of the Amendment Regulation

Labelling of Konjac- containing Jelly Confectionery

Labelling requirement

- According to the Amendment Regulation, **all prepackaged konjac-containing jelly confectionery** products must be **clearly and legibly labelled with warning statements** on prevention of choking hazard in **both English and Chinese**
- The warning statements should read as follows:
 - a. 注意：勿一口吞食，長者及兒童須在監護下食用。
 - b. Caution: Do not swallow whole. Elderly and children must consume under supervision.

Labelling requirement

- Warning statements must be marked in a **conspicuous position on the packaging** and be:
 - (a) underlined and marked
 - (i) in dark colour on a light-coloured background; or
 - (ii) in light colour on a dark-coloured background; or
 - (b) marked in red text on a white or yellow background.

Examples of warning statements

- Underlined dark-coloured text on a light-coloured background:

注意：勿一口吞食，長者及兒童須在監護下食用。

Caution: Do not swallow whole. Elderly and children must consume under supervision.

- Underlined light-coloured text on a dark-coloured background:

注意：勿一口吞食，長者及兒童須在監護下食用。

Caution: Do not swallow whole. Elderly and children must consume under supervision.

- Red text on a yellow background:

注意：勿一口吞食，長者及兒童須在監護下食用。

Caution: Do not swallow whole. Elderly and children must consume under supervision.

- Red text on a white background:

注意：勿一口吞食，長者及兒童須在監護下食用。

Caution: Do not swallow whole. Elderly and children must consume under supervision.

Elements of legible warning label

- Suitable font size

- A font size of **at least 3 mm in height*** for English letter and Chinese characters is recommended

Example:

注意：勿一口吞食，長者及兒童須在監護下食用。 

Caution: Do not swallow whole. Elderly and children must consume under supervision. 

*The suitable font size has been updated upon further review to at least 2 mm in height.

Elements of legible warning label

- Enough spacing

注意：勿一口吞食，長者及兒童須在監護下食用。

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Elements of legible warning label

- Appropriate font type
- Suitable printing technology
- Nonreflective printing surface

Advice to the trade

- Adhere to the labelling requirements for the warning statement on prevention of choking hazard as stipulated in the Amendment Regulation
- Observe the elements of legible food labels and make reference to the above examples when preparing food labels

Way forward

- The draft guidelines can be downloaded from the website of CFS:
https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/whatsnew/whatsnew_fstr/whatsnew_fstr_regulation_of_konjac-containing_jelly_confectionery.html
- Please send your comments / suggestion on the draft guidelines on or before 5 Sept 2025
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