

Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) (Amendment)  
Regulation 2025

# Trade Guidelines on Regulation of Konjac-containing Jelly Confectionery

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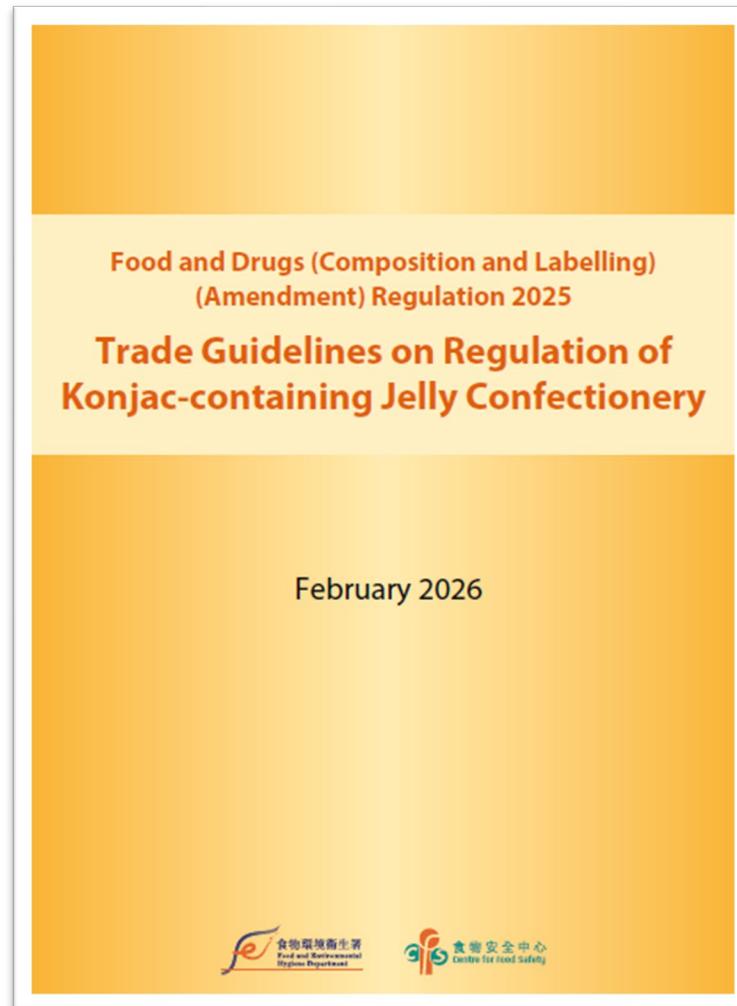
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- Gazetted on 18 July 2025
- Completed the negative vetting procedure of the Legislative Council on 20 August 2025
- **Take effect on 1 April 2026**
- Provides for the composition and labelling requirements for prepackaged jelly confectionery containing konjac

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# Chapter 1: Introduction

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# Purpose

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- To assist the trade in
  - having a better understanding of the Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) (Amendment) Regulation 2025 (“Amendment Regulation”) regarding the regulation of konjac-containing jelly confectionery
  - complying with the relevant requirements under the Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) Regulations (Cap. 132W) as amended by the Amendment Regulation (“the Amended Regulations”)

# Disclaimer

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- The Guidelines:

- should be read in conjunction with relevant legislation, 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 any legislation
- may be amended or supplemented as necessary from time to time

# Definition

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- Some terms defined in the Amended Regulations are listed
  - Konjac
  - Prepackaged food

# Chapter 2: Interpretation of the Composition Requirement for Mini-cup Jelly Confectionery Product

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# Composition requirement for mini-cup jelly confectionery product

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- Item 8A of Schedule 1 to the Amended Regulations
  - **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

# Mini-cup

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- Containers that can hold jelly confectionery intended to be ingested in a single bite, e.g., by exerting pressure on the mini-cups to project the confectionery into the mouth

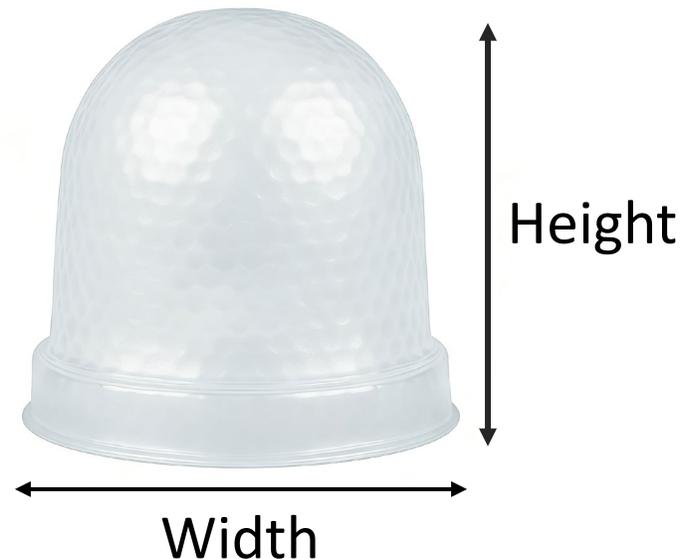
Examples:



# Measurement on the height and width of mini-cup

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- Height: the **maximum vertical distance** from the **base to the opening**
- Width: the **longest distance** from one side **of the opening** to the opposite side



# Non-mini-cup konjac jelly

- Composition requirement and the related **sale prohibition do not apply to non-mini-cup konjac-containing jelly** confectionery

Examples:



Konjac jelly in pouches, sachets, tubular or pillow shapes

Larger sized konjac jelly cups

- **Should comply with the specific labelling requirements** stipulated in Schedule 2 to the Amended Regulations

# Chapter 3: Labelling of Konjac-containing Jelly Confectionery

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# Labelling requirement

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- 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, on their outer packaging
- 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

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- 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:

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

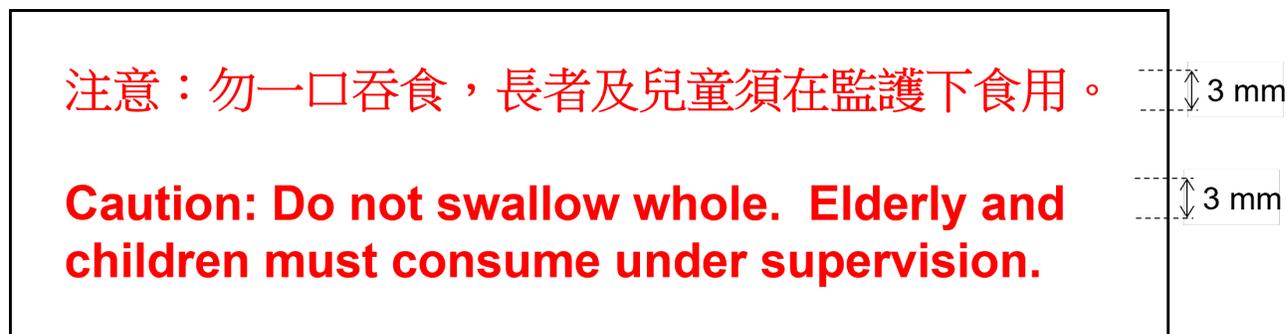
# Elements of legible warning label

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- Suitable font size

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

Example:



# Elements of legible warning label

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- Enough spacing

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# Elements of legible warning label

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

# Advice to the trade

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

# Chapter 4: Frequently Asked Questions

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# Frequently Asked Questions

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- Regulatory scope
- Labelling issues

# The guidelines

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- Will be uploaded to CFS website

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