

PACKAGING AND LABELING FOR RETAIL SALES OF HONEY

California Food and Agricultural Code - FAC

DIVISION 13. Bee Management and Honey Production

CHAPTER 2. Honey

ARTICLE 4. Standard Honey Containers

Containers which hold the following units of weight of honey are standard containers:

60 pounds	2 pounds
12 pounds	1 1/2 pounds
10 pounds	1 pound
6 pounds	12 ounces avoirdupois
5 pounds	8 ounces avoirdupois
3 pounds	5 ounces avoirdupois
2 1/2 pounds	

ARTICLE 8. Extracted Honey

29611. Every container or subcontainer of extracted honey shall be conspicuously marked with all of the following:

- (a)** The name and address of the producer or distributor of the extracted honey.
- (b)** The net weight of the honey in the container.
- (c)** One of the United States grades which are established for honey by the United States Department of Agriculture.
- (d)** In the case of any opaque container, with the color of the honey.

Code of Federal Regulations

Title 16. Commercial Practices

Chapter I. Federal Trade Commission

Subchapter E. Rules, Regulations, Statement of General Policy or Interpretation and Exemptions Under the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act

500.5 Name and place of business of manufacturer, packer or distributor.

(a) The label of a consumer commodity shall specify conspicuously the name and place of business of the manufacturer, packer, or distributor. Where the consumer commodity is not manufactured by the person whose name appears on the label, the name shall be qualified by a phrase that reveals the connection such person has with such commodity; such as "Manufactured for _____," "Distributed by _____," or any other wording that expresses the facts.

(c) The statement of the place of business shall include the street address, city, state, and zip code; however, the street address may be omitted if it is listed in a readily accessible, widely published, and publicly available resource, including but not limited to a printed directory, electronic database, or Web site.

500.4 Statement of identity.

(a) The principal display panel of a consumer commodity shall bear a specification of the identity of the commodity.

(b) Such specification of identity shall comprise a principal feature of the principal display panel, shall be in such type size and so positioned as to render it easily read and understood by the consumer, and shall be in lines generally parallel to the base on which the package or commodity rests as it is designed to be displayed.

500.9 Units of weight or mass, how expressed

(1) If less than 1 pound, in terms of ounces. (Examples: "Net Weight 12 oz. (340 g)")

(2) If at least 1 pound but less than 4 pounds, in whole pounds, with any remainder in ounces or common or decimal fractions of the pound, except that it shall be optional to include an immediately adjacent additional expression of net quantity in terms of ounces.

(Examples: "Net Wt. 1 lb. 8 oz. (680 g)" or "Net Wt. 1.5 lb./24 oz. (680 g)" or "24 oz. (1 1/2 lb.) 680 g".)

United States Standards for Grades of Extracted Honey

52.1401

Determining the grade

Factors	Points
Flavor and aroma	50
Absence of defects	40
Clarity	10
Total Score	100

The factor of clarity for the style of strained extracted honey is not based on any detailed requirements and is not scored. The other two factors (flavor and absence of defects) are scored and the total is multiplied by 100 and divided by 90, dropping any fractions to determine the total score.

	Factors	Grade A	Grade B	Grade C	Substandard
Analytical	Percent Soluble Solids (Minimum)	81.4	81.4	80.0	Fails Grade C.
Quality	Absence of Defects	Practically free-practically none that affect appearance or edibility.	Reasonably Free-do not materially affect the appearance or edibility.	Fairly free - do not seriously affect the appearance or edibility.	Fails Grade C.
	Score Points	37 - 40	34 - 36 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 - 33 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 - 30 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Flavor & Aroma	Good - free from caramelization, smoke, fermentation, chemicals, and other causes.	Reasonably good- practically free from caramelization; free from smoke, fermentation, chemicals, and other causes.	Fairly good - reasonably free from caramelization; free from smoke, fermentation, chemicals, and other causes.	Poor - Fails Grade C.
	Score Points	45 - 50	40 - 44 $\frac{1}{2}$	35 - 39 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 - 34 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Clarity	Clear - may contain air bubbles that do not materially affect the appearance; may contain a trace of pollen grains or other finely divided particles in suspension that do not affect appearance.	Reasonably clear - may contain air bubbles, pollen grains, or other finely divided particles in suspension that do not materially affect the appearance.	Fairly clear- may contain air bubbles, pollen grains, or other finely divided particles in suspension that do not seriously affect the appearance.	Fails Grade C.
	Score Points	8 - 10	6 - 7	4 - 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 - 3 $\frac{2}{3}$

