



LIST OF MANDATORY DECLARATIONS ON THE LABEL

- a. **The Name of the Food** : e.g. Scotch whisky, Wine, Vodka etc
- b. **List of Ingredients**: These have to appear in descending order of their composition by weight or volume at the time of its manufacture. The FSSAI rules also state that water should not be declared if it forms part of an ingredient. **So, for Scotch Whisky, the water used in the distillation process is not an ingredient; it forms part of the ingredient 'Scotch Whisky'**. The water added to bulk Scotch to bring it down to alcoholic strength would now be treated as an ingredient, and hence be listed. A separate statement has to appear for any additives and/or flavours added to the final product in capital letters in a box.

Thus for Scotch whisky the Lol would read as under preceded by the word 'Ingredients' :

Ingredients: Scotch whisky, water

CONTAINS PERMITTED NATURAL COLOUR 150a

FOR COGNAC

Ingredients: Cognac, water

CONTAINS PERMITTED NATURAL COLOUR 150a

FOR VODKA - PLAIN

Ingredients: Vodka, water

FOR VODKA - FLAVORED

Ingredients: Vodka, water

**CONTAINS PERMITTED NATURAL COLOUR 150a or
XXXX AND ADDED FLAVOUR STRAWBERRY or
YYYYY**

where XXXX is the number of the color other than 150a and YYYYY is the name of the flavor other than Strawberry

FOR WINES/CHAMPAGNES

Ingredients: Fermented grape juice, Antioxidant (224)

CONTAINS SULFITES

The colors have been given to differentiate between the various products in this note and are not stipulated by FSSAI and used in the label

- c. **Nutritional information (AB exempt from this provision): Not required**
- d. **Declaration regarding Veg or Non-veg (AB exempt from this provision): Not required**



- e. **Declaration regarding food additive:** As explained in point 'b' above
- f. **Name and complete address of manufacturer:** Has to be on the main label. This has to be preceded by any one of the following statements:
- i. Manufactured and Bottled By:
 - ii. Produced and Bottled By:
 - iii. Distilled and Bottled By:
 - iv. Bottled and Packed By:
- g. **Net Quantity:** Has to be in metric system only and preceded by the words Net quantity.
- h. **Lot/Code/Batch identification:** Has to be on main label and can also be blown, formed or moulded on a glass or plastic surface; however, view through liquid on glass bottle is inadmissible. This could appear as any one of the following:
- i. Lot No. – xxxxxx or See the bottle (in case of embossing on the bottle)
 - ii. Batch no. ---- same as stated above under Lot No.
 - iii. Code: ---- same as stated above under Lot No.
- i. **Date of manufacture or packing:** Being negotiated with FSSAI, but date of bottling is currently appearing as part of the lot/code/batch identification in most cases
- i. In DD/YYYY format or format being currently used by respective companies
- j. **Best Before and Use By Date (AB exempt from this provision): Not required**
- k. **Country of origin for imported food:** Has to appear on the label, separately from the manufacturers name and complete address and preceded by the words Country of Origin. e.g. Country of Origin – Scotland

A package provided with an outside container or wrapper shall also contain all the declarations required to appear on the package.

In case of wholesale packages the particulars regarding list of ingredients, date of manufacture/ packing may not be specified.

General conditions:

(i) **Legible and prominent, definite, plain and unambiguous**
(in such style or type of lettering as to be boldly, clearly and conspicuously present in distinct contrast to the other type, lettering or graphic material used on the package, and shall be printed or inscribed on the package in a color that contrasts conspicuously with the background of the label).

(ii) **Conspicuous as to size number and colour.**

iii). **Area of the principal display panel**

The area of principal Display panel shall not be less than —

(a) In the case of a rectangular container, forty percent of the product of height and width of the panel of such container having the largest area;

(b) In case of cylindrical or nearly cylindrical, round or nearly round, oval or nearly oval container, twenty percent of the product of the height and average circumference of such container; or

(c) In the case of container of any other shape, twenty percent of the total surface area of the container

except where there is label, securely affixed to the container, such label shall give a surface area of not less than ten percent of the total surface area of the container.

Provided that in the case of package having a capacity of five cubic centimeters or less, the principal display panel may be card or tape affixed firmly to the package or container and bearing the required information under these regulations.

TABLE – I - When net quantity is in weight or volume

Sl. No	Weight/volume	Minimum height of numeral in mm	
		Normal case	When blown, formed Moulded, or perforated on container
1.	Upto 50g/ml	1	2
2.	Above 50g/ml upto 200g/ml	2	4
3.	Above 200 g/ml upto 1 kg/litre	4	6
4.	Above 1 kg/litre	6	8

The **height of letters** in the declaration under regulation 2.2 shall not be less than 1 mm height. When blown, formed, moulded, embossed or perforated, the height of letters shall not be less than 2mm.

Provided that the width of the letter or numeral shall not be less than one –third of its height, but this proviso shall not apply in the case of numeral “1” and letters l, l&l:



The **FSSAI logo and license number** of the brand owner shall be displayed on the label of the food package in colour that is in contrast to the background in case of multiple units (manufacturer/packer/relabeler/marketer) as below.

