

# Label Requirements for Ontario Maple Products Other Than Maple Syrup

## Ontario Regulation 119/11

### Infosheet

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Labelling requirements set out in this infosheet are for maple products other than maple syrup. For maple syrup labelling requirements, refer to the [Label Requirements for Maple Products in Ontario](#) Infosheet.

#### INTRODUCTION

On July 1, 2011, Ontario Regulation (O. Reg.) 119/11 Produce, Honey and Maple Products under the *Food Safety and Quality Act*, 2001 came into effect. It replaces Reg. 386 – Maple Products under the *Farm Products Grades and Sales Act*, which previously regulated maple products in Ontario. The grading of maple syrup and the packaging, labelling, transporting, and sale of all maple products are covered by the new regulation.

O. Reg. 119/11 applies to all maple products produced in Ontario that are packed or repacked in an Ontario establishment that is not federally registered within the meaning of the *Canada Agricultural Products Act* Maple Products Regulations. It also applies to maple products produced outside Ontario that are packed or repacked in non-federally registered Ontario establishments. Any person who packs, transports or sells maple products prepared in a non-federally registered establishment in Ontario must ensure maple syrup meets the grading requirements and all maple products meet the packing and labelling requirements of O. Reg. 119/11.

#### MAPLE PRODUCTS

A maple product, for the purposes of this infosheet, is any product, other than maple syrup, which is obtained exclusively from the concentration of maple sap and includes products such as maple sugar, maple taffy and maple butter.

#### LABELS

Every person who packs maple products under O. Reg. 119/11 must apply a label containing the information outlined below to every maple product container they pack. The labelling requirement applies to all consumer

and bulk containers, including containers of maple products for use in the production of other foods. A container filled by a consumer from a bulk display or dispenser at the time of purchase is not required to be labelled.

A “label” includes any mark, sign, device, ticket, tag, imprint or stamp applied directly onto a container or otherwise affixed or attached to the container by any means. A “container” is any bottle, jar, bag, pail, drum or other receptacle containing maple product.

Labelling requirements in O. Reg. 119/11 are in addition to requirements in the [Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act \(Canada\)](#) and the [Food and Drugs Act \(Canada\)](#). For example, the Food and Drug Regulations under the *Food and Drugs Act* require nutritional labelling on consumer containers.

#### LABEL REQUIREMENTS FOR MAPLE PRODUCTS OTHER THAN MAPLE SYRUP

Every container of maple product must have a label with the following information:

- the name of the maple product
- the name and full address of the packer or, if the maple product is packed on behalf of a retailer, producer or other person, the name and full address of the person on whose behalf the maple product is packed. A full address means sufficient information to identify the exact location of the relevant person's premises, such as a municipal address or property identification number, and includes a postal code
- the net weight of the maple product
- the place of origin, if required.

## PLACE OF ORIGIN REQUIREMENTS

When maple products other than maple syrup are produced outside Ontario or are produced in Ontario (in whole or in part) from bulk syrup transported into Ontario, in addition to the information required above, the label on the maple product container must include information relating to its place of origin. When a maple product is brought into Ontario and is repackaged or is used in the preparation of another maple product, the container must be labelled with the place of origin of maple product brought into Ontario.

If a maple product is made solely from maple syrup produced outside Ontario, the words “Product of” followed by the name of the country or province in which the maple syrup was produced must be indicated on the label. For example, on maple products produced from Quebec maple syrup either in Quebec or in a non-federally registered establishment in Ontario, the label must indicate “Product of Quebec” or “Product of Canada”. If maple products are produced from U.S. maple syrup, the label must indicate “Product of U.S.”

If a maple product is produced from a blend of maple syrup produced outside Ontario and maple syrup produced in Ontario, the words “Product of Ontario and” followed by the name of the other country or province are required on the label. For example, maple product produced from a blend of U.S and Ontario maple syrup must be labelled “Product of Ontario and U.S.” If a maple product is produced from a blend of maple syrup produced in a province other than Ontario and Ontario maple syrup, the maple product must be labelled “Product of Ontario and *name of province*” or “Product of Canada”.

## MISREPRESENTATION

False or misleading information on any label or container or in any advertisement of maple product is prohibited by O. Reg. 119/11. This includes, but is not limited to, misrepresenting:

- the name and address of:
  - the packer, or
  - if the packer packs the maple product on behalf of a retailer, producer or other person, the person on whose behalf it is packed
- the place where the maple product originated, or
- the amount of maple product contained in the container.

## LABELLING RESOURCES

### Provincial (Ontario)

Ontario Regulation 119/11 under the *Food Safety and Quality Act*, 2001

[http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws\\_regs\\_110119\\_e.htm](http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_110119_e.htm)

### Federal (Canada)

Guidelines to Food Labelling and Advertising

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/labeti/guide/toce.shtml>

Maple Products Regulations under the *Canada Agricultural Products Act*

<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-04/>

*Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act* and Regulations

<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-38/>

*Food and Drugs Act* and Regulations

<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/F-27/>

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