

§ 500.22

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(3) Not less than 3/16 inch (4.7 mm) in height on packages the principal display panel of which has an area of more than 25 (161 cm<sup>2</sup>) but not more than 100 square inches (6.45 dm<sup>2</sup>).

(4) Not less than 1/4 inch (6.35 mm) in height on packages the principal display panel of which has an area of more than 100 square inches (6.45 dm<sup>2</sup>), except not less than 1/2 (12.7 mm) inch in height if the area is more than 400 square inches (25.8 dm<sup>2</sup>).

(c) Where the statement of net quantity of contents is blown, embossed, or molded on a glass or plastic surface rather than by printing, typing, or coloring, the lettering sizes specified in paragraph (b) of this section shall be increased by 1/16 of an inch (1.5 mm).

(d) Letter heights pertain to upper case or capital letters. When upper and lower case or all lower case letters are used, it is the lower case letter "o" or its equivalent that shall meet the minimum standards.

(e) The ratio of height to width of a letter shall not exceed a differential of 3 units to 1 unit (no more than 3 times as high as it is wide).

(f) When fractions are used, each component shall meet one-half the minimum height standards.

(g) The type size requirements specified in this section do not apply to the "e" mark. (See § 500.6(b).)

(h) When upper and lower case or all lowercase letters are used in SI metric symbols, it is the uppercase "L," lowercase "d," or their equivalent in the print or type used that shall meet the minimum height requirement. Other letters and exponents must be presented in the same type style and in proportion to the type size used. However, no letter shall be less than 1.6 mm (1/16 inch) in height.

§ 500.22 Abbreviations.

The following abbreviations and none other may be employed in the required net quantity declaration:

- Inch—in.
- Feet or foot—ft.
- Fluid—fl.
- Liquid—liq.
- Ounce—oz.
- Gallon—gal.
- Pint—pt.
- Pound—lb.
- Quart—qt.

- Square—sq.
- Weight—wt.
- Yard—yd.
- Avoirdupois—avdp.
- Cubic—cu.

NOTE: Periods and plural forms shall be optional.

§ 500.23 Expression of net quantity of contents in SI Metric units.

(a) The selected multiple or submultiple prefixes for SI metric units shall result in numerical values between 1 and 1000, except that centimeters or millimeters may be used where a length declaration is less than 100 centimeters. For example, "1.96 kg" instead of "1960 g" and "750 mL" instead of "0.75 L".

(b) The following symbols for SI metric units and none others may be employed in the required net quantity declaration:

- centimeter—cm
- cubic centimeter—cm<sup>3</sup>
- cubic decimeter—dm<sup>3</sup>
- meter—m
- milligram—mg
- liter—L or l
- milliliter—mL or ml
- square decimeter—dm<sup>2</sup>
- cubic meter—m<sup>3</sup>
- kilogram—kg
- micrometer—μm
- gram—g
- millimeter—mm
- square meter—m<sup>2</sup>
- square centimeter—cm<sup>2</sup>

NOTE: Symbols, except for liter, are not capitalized. Periods should not be used after the symbol. Symbols are always written in the singular form.

§ 500.24 Supplemental statements.

Nothing contained in the regulations in this part shall prohibit supplemental statements, at locations other than the principal display panel, describing in non-deceptive terms the net quantity of contents: *Provided* that such supplemental statements of net quantity of contents shall not include any term qualifying a unit of weight or mass, measure, or count that tends to exaggerate the amount of commodity contained in the package. (Examples of prohibited language are: "Giant Quart," "Jumbo Liter," "Full Gallon," "When Packed," "Minimum," or words of similar import.) Required combination declarations of net quantity of