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Laws and Regulations Committee Agenda

Item 2301-1



Labeling of Master Produce Cartons and RPCs



Produce Traceability Initiative (PTI)

- PTI requires standardization of corrugated shipping container and Returnable Plastic Container (RPC) labeling
- 55-60% of all produce shipping containers cases in the US are currently labeled
- RPCs allow for a 2" x 4" label
 - Limited space on the label
 - Industry requirements occupy 100% of label space
- Total net quantity of shipping container is understood between buyers and sellers.
 - i.e. 16 – 16oz is understood to be a total carton quantity of 16 lbs.




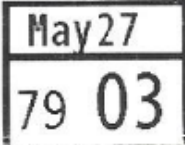


Total net quantity challenges

- Total net quantity inclusion on label would require a redesign of all labels in circulation (~3.6 billion)
- Label size would have to be increased
 - RPCs would have to be redesigned and or modified as packers use same label for corrugated shipping containers and RPCs
- Could increase price of fresh produce to consumers
- Total Net Quantity is not a trade issue between buyers and sellers
- Total Net Quantity does not affect consumers
- Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act (PACA) covers all trade disputes between fresh produce buyers and sellers



Label examples

	.5" {			← WMS DataMatrix Code (Optional)
GTIN & Lot	→	(01)011012345612340(10)5AC62500073150000237		
Commodity/Variety	→	Lettuce / IcebergXXXXXXXXX26		
Pack Style	→	Clear Wrap / 12 Ct CartonXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX42		
COO	→	PRODUCT OF CALIFORNIAXXXXXXXXX20		
Market Label	→	DandyXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX42	ELK1 35PP USE BY DATE	← Crew Code and Per Pallet Case Count
Supplier Name & Address	→	Duda Farm Fresh Foods, Oviedo, FL 32765XX43	 6 14141 99999 6	← Use By Date
		iTrade 2192 1234 1234 1234	 May 27 79 03	← PTI Voice Pick Code
		Case Data Lookup ID ↑	UPC Barcode ↑	



Label examples


 (01)10078783010322(10)0857917
CARROTS BABIES
24/12 Oz. RPC BEST IF USED BY
 Product of USA **Jan 13**
 Grimmway Farms Bakersfield, CA 93380
 010322  25 **61**
0 78783 51542 7


 (01)10078783005861(10)0857917
CARROT BABIES - YELLOW
ORGANIC
24/1 Lb. COF BEST IF USED BY
 Product of USA **Jan 13**
 Grimmway Farms Bakersfield, CA 93380
 21 **42**



Label examples



(01)10602727000126(10)LOT123(13)161006

TOMATO, ROMA, LARGE (120-150 CT)

25 LB 85% US #1

Product of United States

Pack Date

Oct 6

FoodLogiQ Demo

100 E. Ohio Street Plant City, FL 33566 US

Powered By FoodLogiQ

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Proposed Solution

- An exemption to exempt multi-unit, non-consumer packages of fresh fruit and vegetable from Section 10.4 (c)



Questions?

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