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The following is some information regarding Independent Label Reviews outside of the NISS process, this is a free service that QA provides.

It is highly recommended that a Supplier confirm the label is compliant prior to acquiring or printing cans/sleeves and introducing to retail/grocery channels.

Email karen.carter@lcbo.com these 3 things.

- 1. Allergen form LCB 2360
- 2. Request for label review form LCB 1642
- 3. Graphics/Artwork of the can or bottle customer will purchase

Please use the link to access the required forms: - www.doingbusinesswithlcbo.com

Please ensure the email request for a review is only for one particular item at a time, supplemental reviews for other items require their own email/request.

Please inform Neal and I know if any consumer data needs updating and advise the date to revise. e.g. LCBO.com images, name revisions. If this re brand is launching on a specific date, please let us know.

- This process in not for items currently within the NISS listings stages as a label review will be requested if the item is accepted to proceed.
- Note that labels are reviewed by Quality Assurance dept according to CFIA/ AGCO / Federal guidelines. As LCBO is required to sell compliant labels to customers.

NISS Label Reviews are part of the listing process after an item is accepted to proceed and requested via an as additional information section of NISS.

The label to get reviewed is the actual label that will be distributed the LCBO channel.

Note - for an open 6 pack carrier of bottles, this is the bottle label, neck and body.

Best, Karen

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CFIA published amendments to the *Food and Drug Regulations* on December 14, 2016, which included new requirements for the formatting of ingredient lists on products. These regulatory amendments provide a five-year transition period, ending on December 14, 2021; this was provided to allow time for industry to make the necessary changes to their labels and to use up any existing stocks of labels already printed to comply with former requirements.

The label was submitted to the new regulations, therefore my team reviewed the label against the requirements of the new regulations.

In the past, this label would have been reviewed to the former regulations which do not have requirements around formatting of the ingredient list. This label is compliant to the former regs.

CFIA recently announced (<u>Food labelling changes - Canada.ca</u>) that they will focus efforts on education of compliance during the first year, until December 14, 2022. While the regulatory compliance date remains December 14, 2021, the enforcement date has been extended by one year.

For existing products with labels that are not compliant with the new regulations after the regulatory deadline of December 2021, these products will be flagged for non-compliance. LCBO will work with vendors to ensure action plans are being developed to bring products into compliance no later than December 2022.

Therefore, you can continue to use up existing inventory (former regs) throughout 2021. If used in 2022, you would need to provide us with an written action plan.