

Kava Label Compliance Pacific Islands Fact Sheet

Food Standards - Australia New Zealand

- Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) is a statutory authority in the Australian Government Health portfolio. FSANZ develops food standards for Australia and New Zealand.
- [The Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code](#) (the Code) is enforced by state and territory departments, agencies and local councils in Australia; the Ministry for Primary Industries in New Zealand and the Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources for food imported into Australia.

Links to legislation – FSANZ

- Standard 1 - 1.2 Labelling and Other Information Requirements*

<https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/Pages/default.aspx>

- Standard 2 - 2.6.3 Kava*

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Permissions for Kava Foods

The Code permits two types of kava foods to be sold (section 2.6.3.—3):

- a beverage obtained by the aqueous suspension of kava root using cold water only, and not using any organic solvent; or
- dried or raw kava root.

The Code defines 'kava' to mean 'plants of the species *Piper methysticum*' and 'kava root' to mean 'the peeled root or peeled rootstock of kava' (subsection 1.1.2—3(2)).

Labelling Requirements - Dried or raw kava root

Dried or Raw Kava root in a package for retail sale must have a label with the following information (sections 1.2.1—6, 1.2.1—8, 2.6.3—4 and Standard 1.2.2):

- name of the food
- lot identification
- name and address of the supplier
- warning statements (Use in moderation; May cause drowsiness).

For unpackaged **dried or raw kava root** for retail sale, the following information must accompany the food or be displayed with the food (section 1.2.1—9, paragraph 1.2.1—9(3)(f)):

- the warning statements (Use in moderation; May cause drowsiness)
- the name and address of the supplier.
- In addition, for unpackaged dried or raw kava root for retail sale, the name of the food must be displayed with the food or provided to the

purchaser on request (sections 1.2.1—9(6) and 1.2.1—9(7)).

Labelling Requirements – Beverages

Foods for retail sale are not required to have a label with the information requirements referred to in subsection 1.2.1—8(1) if the food for sale is:

- made and packaged on the premises from which it is sold (e.g. a beverage in a bowl or glass).
- packaged in the presence of the purchaser (e.g. a beverage in a bowl or glass).

'Package' is defined in subsection 1.1.2—2(3).

Labelling Requirements – Food Sold to Caterers

Food sold to caterers in a package (e.g. dried or raw kava root) must bear a label with certain information (e.g. name of the food, lot identification) (section 1.2.1—15).

- Other information such as the name and address of the supplier and the two warning statements about kava must be provided on the label (if any) or in documentation (subsection 1.2.1—16(1)). If the name and address of the supplier is provided in documentation, the documentation must accompany the food for sale (subsection 1.2.1—16(2)).

- 'Caterer' is defined in subsection 1.1.2—2(3).

Country of Origin

Permitted labelling for Country of Origin

- Grown in
- Produced in

Storage Labelling

To make sure food lasts until its date mark, it's important to follow the storage instructions such as 'keep refrigerated' and 'store in a cool, dark place'.

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