

**Regulatory Requirements for  
Saskatchewan Honey  
Producers Selling Honey (as of  
March 14, 2017)**

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# Food and Drugs Act, R.S.C., 1985, c. F-27:

5 (1) No person shall label, package, treat, process, sell or advertise any food in a manner that is false, misleading or deceptive or is likely to create an erroneous impression regarding its character, value, quantity, composition, merit or safety.

(2) An article of food that is not labelled or packaged as required by, or is labelled or packaged contrary to, the regulations shall be deemed to be labelled or packaged contrary to subsection (1).

7 No person shall manufacture, prepare, preserve, package or store for sale any food under unsanitary conditions.

# Canada Agricultural Products Act

## Honey Regulations

4.1(1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), no person shall market honey in import, export or interprovincial trade as food unless the honey

(b) is not contaminated;

(c) is edible;

(d) is prepared in a sanitary manner; and

(e) meets all other requirements of the Food and Drugs Act and the Food and Drug Regulations.



# The Public Health Act (Saskatchewan)

16 No person shall sell, offer for sale, display for sale or offer for use for human consumption any food or drink that:

- (a) is contaminated with or contains materials, chemicals or micro-organisms of a quality and in a quantity that may be dangerous or injurious to health; or
- (b) is otherwise unfit for human consumption by reason of disease, adulteration, spoilage or any other cause.

# The Public Health Act (Saskatchewan)

19(1) Every person who prepares, stores, cooks, processes, dispenses, transports, serves or sells food or drink that is intended for consumption by the public must ensure that the food or drink is prepared, stored, cooked, processed, dispensed, transported, served or sold:

- (a) in a manner that will prevent or minimize the risk of illness, poisoning or injury to the public; and
- (b) in a sanitary manner and under sanitary conditions.

# Labelling

## **HONEY**

Packaged on July 8, 1974 by Jane Doe

Box 56  
Hive View, SK S0B EES  
SE 34-14-18 W2  
306 999 5555

**MADE IN A HOME KITCHEN THAT IS NOT  
INSPECTED BY A GOVERNMENT AGENCY**

Acceptable under Saskatchewan Food Safety Regulations  
Possibly acceptable under Canada Food and Drug Regulations

- French?
- Nutritional label?

Not acceptable under Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act

# Labelling

## HONEY

Packaged on July 8, 1974 by Jane Doe

Box 56  
Hive View, SK S0B EES  
SE 34-14-18 W2  
306 999 5555

[www.janessobees.ca](http://www.janessobees.ca)  
[info@janessobees.ca](mailto:info@janessobees.ca)

Optional



MADE IN A HOME KITCHEN THAT IS NOT  
INSPECTED BY A GOVERNMENT AGENCY



# Labelling

**PURE CANADIAN HONEY**

Packaged on July 8, 1974 by Jane Doe

Box 56  
Hive View, SK S0B EES  
SE 34-14-18 W2  
306 999 5555

Optional

MADE IN A HOME KITCHEN THAT IS NOT  
INSPECTED BY A GOVERNMENT AGENCY



# Labelling

**HONEY**

**CANADA No. 1**

Jane Doe  
Box 56

Hive View, SK S0B EES  
SE 34-14-18 W2  
306 999 5555

[www.janessobees.ca](http://www.janessobees.ca)  
[info@janessobees.ca](mailto:info@janessobees.ca)

1 kg

Only permissible if producer is registered under CFIA

Required under Consumer Packaging and Labelling Act

# Labelling

**HONEY**

Box 56  
Hive View, SK S0B EES  
SE 34-14-18 W2  
306 999 5555

Not Acceptable under Saskatchewan Food Safety Regulations  
- does not contain mandatory “blurb”

# Labelling

**HONEY**

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306 999 5555

MADE IN A HOME KITCHEN THAT IS NOT  
INSPECTED BY A GOVERNMENT AGENCY

Not Acceptable under Saskatchewan Food Safety Regulations  
- Smaller than 12 pt font

# Who was paying attention?

You are not selling your honey. You do not need to comply with any food safety laws.

- True
  - False
  - Maybe
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- Maybe – if the honey will be offered to public for consumption it still has to comply with provincial food safety law



# Who was paying attention?

You are selling your honey in grocery stores. You can use the Home Food Processor exemption.

- True
- False
- Maybe
  
- False – you need to be registered under CFIA or provincial regime

# Who was paying attention?

You are selling your honey in an office. You can use the Home Food Processor exemption.

- True
- False
- Maybe
  
- True – assuming that it is not selling or serving food that requires refrigeration or being prepared on site.

# Who was paying attention?

You are offering free sample jars of honey at a trade show as a promotion. You do not need to comply with any food safety laws.

- True
- False
- Maybe
  
- False

# Who was paying attention?

You are giving free jars of honey to your friends and family. You do not need to comply with any food safety laws.

- True
- False
- Maybe
  
- True



# Who was paying attention?

You are selling containers of honey to your friends and family.  
You do not need to comply with any food safety laws.

- True
- False
- Maybe
  
- False

# Who was paying attention?

You are registered under the CFIA. You do not need to comply with provincial food safety legislation.

- True
- False
- Maybe
  
- True (mostly)