

FOOD LABELLING – FISHMONGERS

These requirements apply to fish which are: -

- displayed for sale in a loose or unwrapped state, or
- pre-packed for sale from those same premises, or
- pre-packed for sale from market stalls or mobile vehicles.

A notice must be displayed on the food stating the true name of the food.

The name must be either

- a name required by law for the fish (the list is extensive – please contact us for further advice if you are not sure), or
- an appropriate customary name (e.g. Kipper, smokie)
- a name sufficiently precise to inform a purchaser of the true nature of the food and which distinguishes it from products with which it could be confused (e.g. reformed scampi).

The name is not a brand name, trade name or made up name. A commonly misused name is 'crab sticks'. To comply with the last provision above the name must show that it includes fish, cereal and crab flavouring.

When dealing with smoked fish the term 'smoked fillet' or 'smoked cutlet' is not sufficient – the species, i.e. type of fish must be shown.

A notice must be displayed on or near the food stating the types of additives which are present in the food. Smoked fish often contains colour and this would have to be declared.

FISH CAKES are required to contain not less than 35% fish.