COMMUNICATION
From the Food Policy and Programs Branch

To: Mobil Food Van Operators
Title: Labelling of Foods in Mobile Food Vans

SA Health has received enquiries from Mobile Food Van Operators in relation to consistent interpretation of labelling requirements for foods sold from Mobile Food Vans.

Industry compliance with food labelling requirements is the responsibility of SA Health however assistance is sought from local government to communicate requirements.

Food labelling legislation requires that certain information must be included on the label of a food in order to identify the food in question.

Foods Requiring Labelling

- Any self serve packaged product sold from a mobile food van must contain a label that includes details of the:
  - Name of the food
  - Lot and Premises identification
  - Name and business address in Australia of the manufacturer, packer, vendor or importer
  - Mandatory advisory statement (where applicable)
  - Ingredient list
  - Date mark
  - Health and safety advice
  - Nutrition information panel*
  - Characterising ingredients*
  - Country of Origin

This includes products supplied to the Mobile Food Van operator that are already packaged eg individually wrapped bakery items (custard tarts, donuts, pies, pasties), chips, beverages, confectionary etc.

Foods That Do Not Requiring Labelling

- In circumstances where food is not required to bear a label that same information is required to be provided to the purchaser upon request.

- Full labelling requirements do not apply where food is –
  - not in a package; or
  - packaged in the presence of the purchaser; or
  - packaged and displayed in an assisted service display cabinet.

This may include hot or cold food that is not packaged until served by the attendant eg unpackaged bakery items (custard tarts, donuts, pies, pasties), unpackaged items kept in a bain marie (dinsims, spring rolls, chicken products etc).

Exceptions

*Food items that are prepared and packaged by the Mobile Food Van operator eg filled rolls, sandwiches, bagels and similar products do not require a Nutrition Information Panel or Characterising Ingredients.