

STANDARD PACK SIZES FOR EDIBLE OILS

Enhancing Transparency & Consumer Choice

Department of Consumer Affairs introduces uniform pack sizes and improved labelling norms under the Legal Metrology framework to enable easier price comparison and informed purchasing decisions.

- Standard pack sizes notified for major edible oils and blended edible oils
- Easier price comparison across brands for better value assessment
- Mandatory declaration of both volume and equivalent weight on packages
- Applicable to domestically manufactured and imported edible oils
- 3-month transition period for manufacturers, packers and importers
- Promotes transparency, fair competition and uniform packaging practices

Centre introduces standard edible oil pack sizes to enhance transparency and promote uniform packaging practices

The Centre has introduced standard pack sizes for edible oils under the Legal Metrology framework, bringing greater transparency and uniformity to the marketplace. The Department of Consumer Affairs amended the standard operating procedure, governing the determination of net quantity and standard pack sizes for edible oils and fats under the framework. The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution said that under the revised rules, standard pack sizes have been prescribed for major edible oils, including palm oil, palmolein, soyabean oil, sunflower oil, mustard oil, groundnut oil, sesame oil, rice bran oil, cotton seed oil and corn oil.

The approved pack sizes are 200 g, 500 g, 1 to 5 kg, 15 kg, and 20 kg. The initiative seeks to address the growing proliferation of varying package sizes in the market, which often makes it difficult for consumers to compare prices and make informed purchasing decisions. The Ministry said, this will also help consumers make more informed and transparent purchasing decisions. It added that the initiative will also benefit the edible oil industry by bringing greater uniformity in packaging practices.

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