

Definitions.

The terms "honey," "liquid or extracted honey," "strained honey" or "pure honey" as used in this article, shall mean the nectar of plants that has been transformed by, and is the natural product of the honeybee, either in the honeycomb or taken from the honeycomb and marketed in a liquid, crystalized or granulated condition.

(Acts 1981, No. 81-373, p. 549, §1.)

Labeling requirements - Generally.

(a) No person shall sell, keep for sale, expose or offer for sale, any article or product in imitation or semblance of honey branded as "honey," "liquid or extracted honey," "strained honey" or "pure honey" which is not pure honey, nor may the label of any such article or product in imitation or semblance of honey, depict thereon a picture or drawing of a bee, beehive or honeycomb.

(b) No person, firm, association, company or corporation shall manufacture, sell, expose or offer for sale, any compound or mixture branded or labeled as honey which shall be made up of honey mixed with any other substance or ingredient.

(c) Whenever honey is mixed with any other substance or ingredient and the commodity is to be marketed, there shall be printed on the package containing such compound or mixture a statement giving the ingredients of which it is made; if honey is one of such ingredients it shall be so stated in the same size type as are the other ingredients, but it shall not be sold, exposed for sale, or offered for sale as honey; nor shall such compound or mixture be branded or labeled with the word "honey" in any form other than as herein provided; nor shall any product in semblance of honey, whether a mixture or not, be sold, exposed or offered for sale as honey, or branded or labeled with the word "honey," unless such article is pure honey.

(Acts 1981, No. 81-373, p. 549, §2.)

Labeling requirements - Use of "imitation" and "honey."

The word "imitation" shall not be used in the name of a product which is in semblance of honey whether or not it contains any honey. The label for a product which is not in semblance of honey and which contains honey may include the word "honey" in the name of the product and the relative position of the word "honey" in the product name, and in the list of ingredients, when required, shall be determined by its prominence as an ingredient in the product.

(Acts 1981, No. 81-373, p. 549, §3.)

Penalty.

Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor as defined in Title 13A.

(Acts 1981, No. 81-373, p. 549, §4.)