
**Traditional Chinese medicine —
Labelling requirements of products
intended for oral or topical use**

*Médecine traditionnelle chinoise — Exigences d'étiquetage des
produits destinés à un usage oral ou topique*



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Traditional Chinese medicine — Labelling requirements of products intended for oral or topical use

1 Scope

This document specifies general requirements for the labelling of products intended for oral or topical use in and as traditional Chinese medicine (TCM).

It is applicable to all finished manufactured products including packaged herbs used in and as TCM. This document includes the essential and informative elements for labelling of products to assist in the choice and safe use of these products by consumers and practitioners.

NOTE A list of TCM labelling requirements of the WHO and various regions and countries is given in [Annex A](#).

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

label

tag, brand, mark, pictorial or other descriptive matter, written, printed, stencilled, marked, embossed or impressed on, or attached to the packaging or container of a *finished manufactured product* ([3.4](#))

3.2

labelling

words, particulars, trademarks, brand name, pictorial matter or symbol relating to a product and placed on any packaging, document, notice or *label* ([3.1](#)) accompanying or referring to a *finished manufactured product* ([3.4](#))

3.3

packaged herb

herbs pre-packaged and delivered to consumers or practitioners with *labelling* ([3.2](#)) that can be used for traditional Chinese medicine with simple processing such as decoction or ingestion as tea, etc.

3.4

finished manufactured product

finished product used by consumers or practitioners for oral and topical use in and as traditional Chinese medicine without further processing

Note 1 to entry: Packaged herb is also included in this term.

3.5

expiry date

<finished manufactured product> date (month and year) after which the product should not be used