

Romania legislation: Honey

Introduction



In the EU, **Directive 2001/110/EC** sets requirements relating to honey. The Directive lays down composition criteria and labelling requirements for honey marketed in the EU.

The honey Directive applies to all products that meet the definition of honey:

"Honey is the natural sweet substance produced by Apis mellifera bees from the nectar of plants or from secretions of living parts of plants or excretions of plant-sucking insects on the living parts of plants, which the bees collect, transform by combining with specific substances of their own, deposit, dehydrate, store and leave in honeycombs to ripen and mature."

The Directive also recognizes a number of main types of honey, which have been designated product names. The legislation further stipulates compositional criteria which must be met when placing on the market products named as honey or when honey is used as an ingredient in any product intended for human consumption.

➔ [For more information on the EU legislation on honey](#) please refer to the related document.

Romanian implementation



In Romania **Directive 2001/110/EC** has been implemented by Order No. 522/798/317 of 2003 (Original title: Ordinul comun nr. 522/798/317/2003 pentru aprobarea Normelor referitoare la natura, continutul, originea, prezentarea, compozitia, calitatea si etichetarea mierii.). The Romanian legislation is direct transposition of the EU Directive. This means that the Romanian legislation sets the same requirements for honey as the EU Directive.

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