

VSA - Title 6, Chapter 32

§ 482. Enforcement; inspectors

- a) The secretary shall enforce the provisions of this chapter. He or she may appoint one or more inspectors who shall be authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter.
- b) The secretary shall pay any such inspectors their salaries and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties from the moneys annually allocated to the agency.

§ 492. Labeling container of maple flavored products

- a) Every product or package containing a product made by combining maple sap, maple sugar, or maple syrup with any other sugar or other substance packed, sold, offered, or exposed for sale or distribution by any person in this state shall be plainly marked in accordance with 9 V.S.A. § 2633(c), for packaging and labeling regulations and shall include the following on the principal display panel:
 - 1) an accurate and descriptive name;
 - 2) the net quantity contents declaration; and
 - 3) the amount of maple sugar or maple syrup the product contains expressed in percentage of volume if the product is a liquid or a list of the product ingredients in order of decreasing predominance by weight if the product is a solid. The percentage statement or ingredient list shall be in close proximity to the product name.
- b) The same information required in subsection (a) of this section shall be included in any advertisements of the product. When the product is served in any public eating place, the menu shall be conspicuously marked with an accurate and descriptive name and a statement expressing the percentage of maple sugar or maple syrup the product contains.
- c) The words "maple," "mapyl," "mapley," or words of similar import shall not appear in any manner on a container, label, menu, or advertisement of maple flavored products, unless:
 - 1) such words are printed in the statement of contents together with the percentage;
 - 2) such words are a part of the packer's name, provided that the packer's name cannot appear to be a part of the product name; or
 - 3) the words "blend," "sweetened," or "flavored" appear immediately before, after, above or below and in equal prominence to such words.
- d) The term "maple flavored" may only be used when 100 percent of the flavoring material is a pure maple product. If any artificial maple flavor is used, the label shall clearly and conspicuously state "artificial flavor."

§ 493. Labeling container of artificial maple flavored products

It shall be unlawful to use the term "maple syrup" or "maple sugar," however modified, to describe any product, flavoring, sweetener, or food additive unless the product, flavoring, sweetener, or food additive so described meets the statutory definition of "maple syrup" or "maple sugar." Terms such as "artificial maple syrup" or "artificial maple sugar" are declared to be misleading and deceptive and may not be used in the labeling or advertising of any product. Terms such as "artificial maple flavor" or "artificial maple flavor sweetener" may be used to describe a product flavored or sweetened with a substance which attempts to duplicate real maple flavor, providing that words such as "artificial," "flavor," and other modifiers of the word "maple" shall appear in equal prominence to the word "maple" on the label and in all advertising of the product.