

AEROSOL DISPENSERS IN FINLAND

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SAFE AEROSOL DISPENSERS

Aerosol dispenser – what's that?

The term *aerosol dispenser* means a non-reusable container made of metal, glass or plastic and containing a gas compressed, liquefied or dissolved under pressure, with or without a liquid, paste or powder.

Labelling

The markings on aerosol containers constitute a declaration given by the manufacturer – or any other business which has placed the product on the market – about the product's safety. Sufficient labelling shows that the product is safe, and gives appropriate warnings of incorrect use.

Sales and other delivery of insufficiently labelled aerosol dispensers is a violation of law

On the basis of the Finnish Aerosol Dispensers Decree, the manufacturer or any other business shall not sell nor deliver any aerosol dispensers with markings that violate the above Decree.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR SAFETY! READ THE MARKINGS!
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LABELLING RULES

The container of any aerosol dispenser put up for sale in Finland shall bear the following clear and easily readable markings both in **Finnish** and **Swedish**:

- name / business ID and address of the manufacturer or other relevant business
- symbol } (inverted epsilon) indicating conformity with all the requirements of the Finnish Aerosol Dispensers Decree
- code marking enabling the filling batch to be identified
- net contents by weight and by volume.

Further, all aerosol dispensers put up for sale in Finland must carry the following warnings:

- *Pressurised container. Keep away from sunshine and from temperatures exceeding 50 °C. Don't pierce or burn the container, even after use.*

Additionally, aerosol dispensers with flammable contents shall carry the following warnings:

- *Don't spray to a naked flame or any incandescent material.*
- *Keep away from ignition sources – No smoking.*
- *Keep out of the reach of children.*

Aerosol dispensers which contain chemicals categorised as flammable, toxic, harmful, irritant etc. – and those possibly involved with any other special risks – are subject to labelling to the statutory rules and regulations that are relevant to the above-mentioned issues.

} The symbol } indicates that the product fulfils the requirements for the construction and testing of aerosol dispensers.

FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS! BUY ONLY PRODUCTS WITH SUFFICIENT LABELLING!

MARKET SURVEILLANCE

The Safety Technology Authority (TUKES) is the responsible agency for the market surveillance of aerosol dispensers in Finland. We monitor the aerosol dispensers put up for sale in Finland for their conformity with the relevant requirements, and recall insufficiently tested or labelled products from the market. For this purpose, we buy aerosol dispensers on the market to forward them to appropriate testing.

Rules and regulations on aerosol dispensers

- Pressure Equipment Act (869/1999), Finland
- Laki vaarallisten kemikaalien ja räjähteiden käsittelyn turvallisuudesta (390/2005)
- Aerosol Dispensers Decree (1433/1993), Finland
- Decree on Amendment of Aerosol Dispensers Decree (805/1994, 1168/1995), Finland
- Decision of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health on Categorisation Grounds and Labelling of Chemicals (807/2001), Finland
 - EEA Agreement, Annex II: Council Directive on Aerosol Dispensers (75/324/EEC)
 - EEA Agreement, Annex II: Commission Directive on Aerosol Dispensers (94/1/EC)
 - <http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/index.html/>