Code Key

Code applied to retail packaging

1. Product with freshness or sell by date

Example: DEC 21 19   *Best if used by date*
           11214031   *Manufacture code*
           2 06:52   *Optional third line if code equipment is capable*

Element	Key and further instructions

DEC 21 19	MMM DD YY (United States)
	DD MMM YYYY (China)
	
	Where:
	  • MM or MMM = month
	  • DD = day
	  • YY or YYYY = year.

11214031	MMDDLLLS Month and day of production, line, shift.
2 06:52	# HH:MM = Lane, wrapper or former number (#), hours and minutes in 24-hour time.

2. Product with Julian manufacture date

Example: 32519   *Julian manufacture date*
          11214031   *Manufacture code*
          2 06:52   *Optional third line if code equipment is capable*

Element	Key and further instructions
32519	DDDYY = 3-digit Julian manufacture date plus 2-digit year.
11214031	Manufacture code as described above. In select cases, a letter (A-B-C) may be substituted for the shift (1-2-3).
2 06:52	Optional third line as described above.

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