



Produce Checklist

This checklist details what is expected of PDBKA members and any produce they are wishing to offer for sale on PDBKA stalls. Please note, these refer to the legal requirements and ethical standards for selling honey and wax products to the public and therefore may differ from what is expected by judges when submitting products/packages into competitions.

I confirm that:

- ✓ No treatments were used whilst the extracted supers were in place (excl. MAQS)
- ✓ No sugar syrup or fondant was fed whilst the extracted supers were in place
- ✓ The water content of the honey is below 20%
- ✓ Honey has not been heated above 35°C or for a significant period of time
- ✓ Honey is free from organic or inorganic substance foreign to the composition of honey (filtered through a 0.2mm filter)
- ✓ Good hygiene standards were upheld when extracting and packaging the honey/wax products
- ✓ Any honey/comb has been packaged into clean jars with new lids /in new boxes
- ✓ Honey/comb has been weighed to ensure the content contains at least the weight stated on the label
- ✓ No liquid honey has been added to cut comb sections
- ✓ The weight is presented as either metric only or as imperial & metric
(If using imperial & metric, the imperial measure font is not larger or bolder than that of the metric measure)
- ✓ The minimum height of the text on the label is:
 - 2mm for products under 50g,
 - 3mm for products between 50-200g,
 - 4mm for products between 200g-1kg,
 - 6mm for products over 1kg
- ✓ The packaging on honey (liquid, set or comb) contains the following information:
(NB - This information does not all have to be on the front of the product, but must be easily visible to the consumer)
 - Product description (using a reserved description*)
 - The net weight (i.e. not including the container's weight)
 - Name and address of beekeeper
 - Best Before date (as month & year or day, month & year)
 - Lot number if the best before date is not dd/mm/yy
 - Country of Origin statement (Produce of England)
- ✓ If a location is included in the description (e.g. Southsea Honey), the hives the products are produced from are located within a 3-mile radius of this location
- ✓ If a type of honey is specified (e.g. heather), a minimum of 75% of the honey is of this type
- ✓ Only approved health/nutrition claims are made on the label or communication materials
(Currently the Great Britain nutrition and health claims (NHC) register has not validated any claims for honey)

Reserved descriptors that may be used:

- Honey,
- Comb honey,
- Chunk honey,
- Baker's honey intended for cooking only,
- The word 'honey' with any other true description e.g. Honeydew honey, Pressed honey, Blossom honey,
- The word 'honey' with a regional, topographical or territorial reference.

Please note: Any member who regularly processes their honey for sale (5+ days in any 5-week period) are legally required to be registered with their local authority environmental health service as a food business supplier.

