# LABELS AND PACKAGING MODIFICATIONS



#### **ELIGIBLE EXPENSES**

- First printing of a one-year supply\* of approved foreign packaging/ labels or stickers.
- Temporary labor for:
  - Design
  - Translation services
- Production of packaging and labels
- Plates
- Set-up
- Graphic design

\*The year beings with the invoices date of the first printing

\*\*If the foreign country regulations change after the invoice date of the first printing and require updates, the year starts over again

\*\*\*Stickers for labels are only eligible if they are to meet the regulations of foreign markets

#### **INELIGIBLE EXPENSES**

- Modifying a label or package to add the U.S. origin statement in order to be eligible for FundMatch is not reimbursable
- Changing flavors, varieties, or the size of packaging is considered new product packaging and is not reimbursable
- Production of package/labels for new brands, new sizes, or new flavors of products
- Aesthetic or marketing changes to the design of a package/label
- Any changes made to meet your international distributors requirements
- Duty stamps, certification fees, research fees, etc.
- Stickering labels to bring them into compliance for the program is not eligible.
- Label modifications required by importer, buyer, or distributor.

Exporting includes making changes to your packaging and labels to meet a foreign country's requirements. To receive reimbursement, your company will need to demonstrate:

- The changes you are making are for existing FundMatch approved packaging and labels
- The changes are necessary to meet the labeling requirements of a foreign country
- All expenses are outsourced
- New packaging must include a <u>valid U.S. origin statement</u>, reference page 5 for a list of eligible U.S. Origin Statements.



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Example/Claim Documentation

Application must be approved of April 2024 or before



You have one year to reprint the same labels/packaging.

If the foreign country regulations change after the invoice date of the first printing and they require new modifications, then the year starts over.

### **CLAIMS DOCUMENTATION**

- Invoice
- Proof of payment
- Original label/packaging before modifications and new foreign label/packaging after modifications (actual labels required)
- Foreign label regulations with sections identifying the required changes highlighted (regulations can be obtained from foreign country's official labeling/packaging government website)
- Proof of activity for packaging, cannot be in the form of a PDF proof. Images of the item produced (e.g. photographs) or original copies must be submitted.
- For temporary sticker's labor expense claim, you
  will need to provide photos of product(s) with
  attached temporary sticker as proof of activity.