



Republic of the Philippines  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
Office of the Secretary  
Manila

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**  
No. 325 s. 1977

**SUBJECT: Regulation B-4 Definition and Standard for Foods**  
**4.9 Condiments, Sauces and Seasonings**  
**4.9-04 Standard of Identity and Quality for Patis**

**1. Standard of Identity**

Patis is the clear liquid sauce, straw yellow to amber in color, obtained from the enzymatic fermentation of the mixture of fish and shrimp and common salt and has a strong salty taste with traces of fishy odor.

**2. Standard of Quality**

2.1 Specific Gravity 1.20-1.23  
2.2 Total Solids not less than 32%  
2.3 Salt Content 20-25% as NaCl  
2.4 Protein Content

a) Patis for Domestic Trade

i) Special Patis not less than 8%  
ii) Regular Patis not less than 4.5%

b) Patis for Export

i) Special Patis not less than 8%  
ii) Regular Patis not less than 4.5%

**3. Statement of Substandard Quality**

Patis with a protein content below the minimum requirement of 4.5% but not below 2.5% shall be labeled as "Patis below Standard" or "Patis Flavor". Any liquid seasoning or flavoring with similar characteristics but whose protein content is less than 2.5% shall not be considered patis and shall not be allowed to be offered for sale under the name "Patis Flavor."

**4. Mandatory Label Information**

4.1 The label statement of the class or type of patis shall be in accordance with the provisions of section 2.

4.2 There shall be stated the name and address of the producer/manufacturer.

4.3 Any added preservatives and coloring materials shall be distinctly stated on the label. Caramel or other permissible coloring materials shall be indicated by the words "caramel colored", "artificially colored" or "artificial color added."

4.4 The net content shall be stated in the metric system of measure.

**5. Prohibited label Statement**

5.1 Any statement that is false or untrue in any particular, or which tends to create a misleading impression with respect to the composition of the product is strictly prohibited.

5.2 Any statement relating to any guaranty e.g., "Best" or "Finest", irrespective of falsity, which the Administrator finds likely to mislead the consumer, shall not appear on the label.

The regulation supercedes Administrative Order No. 120 s. 1970 and shall take effect upon approval by the Secretary of Health.

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