Product Name

All foods except fresh whole fruit and vegetables.

Packed On Date

Ham and all sliced RTE
Manufactured meats and
Cut vegetables.

Manufacturer's Use by Date

Decanted food – this helps trace the food back to where it came from in case of a recall.

Thaw Date

Write this on frozen food when removed from the freezer.
Then use the food within 48 hours.

Opened On Date

Foods that are opened and in the coolroom or fridge.

Shelf life varies.

Discard or New Use by Date

Opened, decanted foods stored in the cool room or fridge.

Production Date

Food prepared in the kitchen and stored for later use.

May use a day dot to indicate this.



Freezing may pause

the original use by date

...so label with freezing date