Quality Symbols

Q Mark	Highest standard of quality – Awarded by Excellence Ireland Quality Association (EIQA)
BSI Kitemark	Safety and performance – Awarded by British Standards Institution (BSI)
ISO Standards Symbols	Safety and performance – Awarded by British Standards Institution (BSI)
Guaranteed Irish Symbols	Manufactured in Ireland

Safety Symbols

Conformité Européenne	Comply with European safety standards. Electrical items, toys, childrens clothes
Double Insulated	Found in small electrical equipment e.g. hair dryers, toasters
Irish mark of electrical conformity	High safety level – found on electrical goods.
Square Label	Shows that filling and covering fabric has passed match and cigarette test
Triangle Label	Indicates the fabric covering has no passed match test.

Hazard Symbols

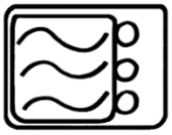
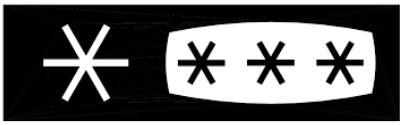
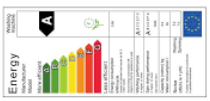
Found on industrial chemicals, cleaning agents, stationary supplies e.g. Tipp Ex

Toxic	**Corrosive**	**Irritant**	**Flammable**
			

Recycling Symbols

Green Dot	PET
	
Indicates that the packaging supplier has contributed towards recycling of package waste. Repak – only licenser in Ireland	Bottles made from Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) plastic.
Ecolabel	**Recycling**
	
Products/services are kinder to the environment.	Universal recycling symbol. Means packaging is either made from recycled material or is recyclable.

Other Symbols

Bord Bia Quality Mark	Love Irish Food	Vegan Symbol
		
Quality Assurance Schemes exist for the following product foods: beef, lamb, dairy, pigmeat, poultry, eggs. Food is fully traceable, and produced with the highest level of care.	Guarantees that the product is manufactured in the REPUBLIC OF IRELAND and that the brand uses ingredients from Ireland where these are available.	Product contains no ingredients sources from animals and is suitable for a vegan diet.
Crossed Grain Symbol	**Microwave Safe Symbol**	**Star Rating Appliance**
		
To use the Crossed Grain symbol products must meet a range of criteria to ensure that they are gluten-free, both in terms of the ingredients and the production process.	Indicates that the contain is safe to use in the microwave -	Indicates the temperature of the freezer which affects the length of time food can safely be stored.
Energy Label	**Radura Symbol**	**Organic**
		
Indicates the energy efficency of an appliance. A – most energy efficent, G – least energy efficent.	Any food containing radiated ingredients must state the words “irradiated” or “treated with ionised radiation” on the label and carry the international icon for irradiated food – Radura Symbol	Grown without the use of any artifical fertilisers, pesticides, or preservatives.

Care Labels

Washing symbols

Symbol	Meaning
	Wash at 95°C (maximum washing action and normal spin)
	Wash at 40°C (medium washing action and normal spin)
	Wash at 30°C (minimum washing action and wool cycle spin)
	Hand wash
	Do not wash

Bar symbols	
	No bar: use a maximum action wash and normal spin
	One bar: use a medium action wash and short spin
	Broken bar: use a minimum action wash and a wool cycle spin

Tumble drying symbols

Symbol	Meaning
	Suitable to tumble dry
	Do not tumble dry

Drying symbols

Symbol	Meaning
	Dry flat
	Line dry
	Drip dry

Ironing symbols

Symbol	Meaning
	Cool iron
	Warm iron
	Hot iron
	Do not iron

Dry cleaning symbols

Symbol	Meaning
	Dry-cleanable with any solvent
	Dry-cleanable in white spirits or solvent 113
	Dry-cleanable in perchlorethylene, white spirit, solvent 113 or solvent 11
	Do not dry-clean

Bleaching symbols

Symbol	Meaning
	Can be treated with chlorine bleach
	Do not bleach