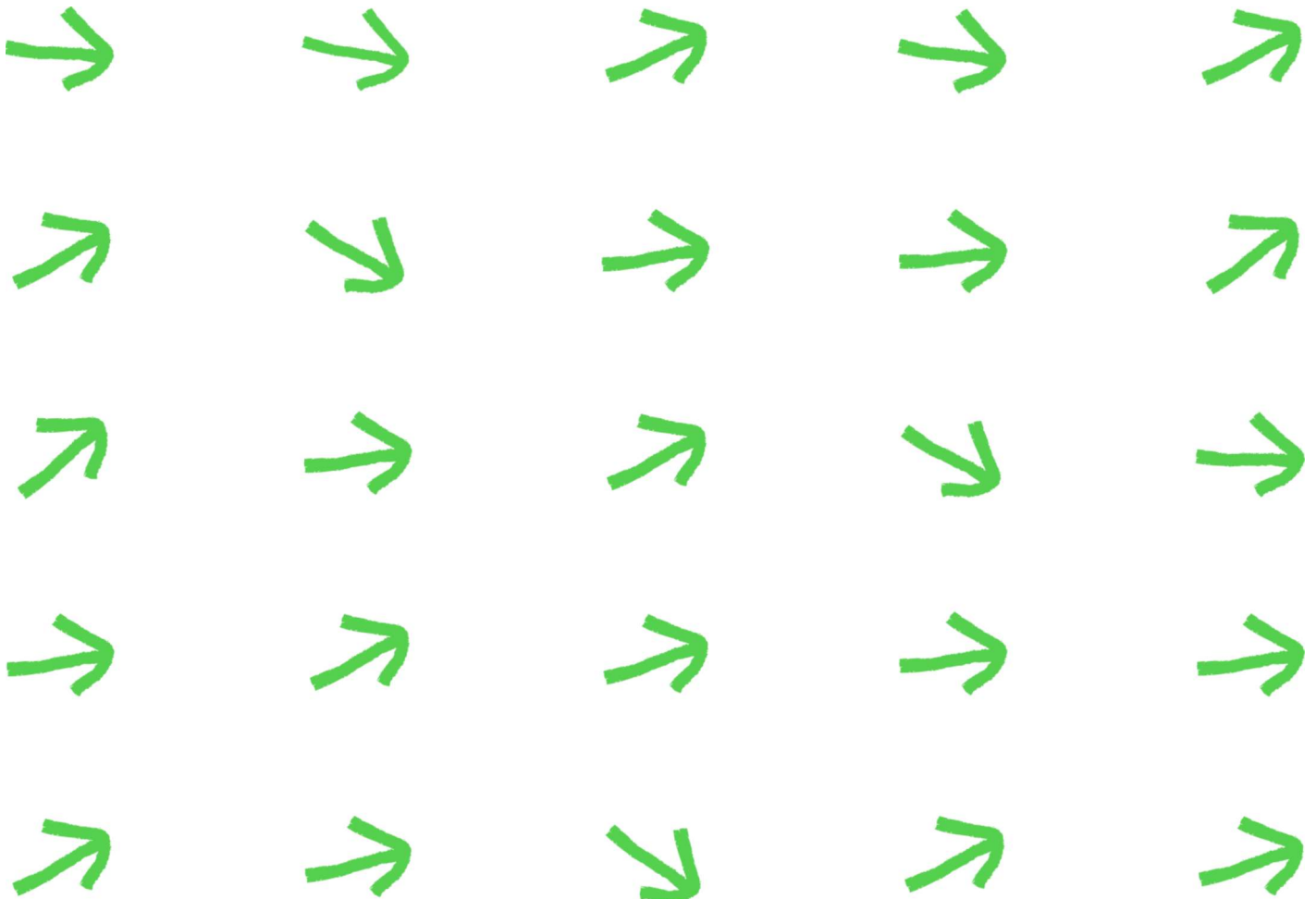




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Best Before Dates are about food quality not safety. If food has passed its Best Before Date it does not mean it is unsafe. However, it might have started to lose its colour, flavour or texture. Felix can safely redistribute food beyond the Best Before End (BBE)

Category	Extension Time
<b>PRODUCE – not rotten, mouldy, damaged or severely bruised</b>	
Fruit and Veg	Common sense approach, sensory check
<b>AMBIENT – package must be intact with no signs of mould, discolouration, spoilage or deterioration</b>	
Bakery – bread not in airtight packaging	1 week – no mould, not stale
Bakery – longer life baked products in airtight or protective atmosphere, e.g. wraps, cakes, muffins	1-3 months
Short life pantry, e.g. oil breakfast cereals	3-6 months
Snacks – crisps, biscuits, chocolate, snacks, candies	3-12 months
Long life pantry, e.g. tea, coffee, pasta, rice	3 years
Drinks – fruit juice, long life milk, plant milk	1 month
Drinks – water, carbonated / fizzy drinks, sugary drinks, squash, flavoured water	12 months
<b>CHILLED – package must be intact with no signs of mould, discolouration, spoilage or deterioration</b>	
Dairy - milk	1 day
Dairy - yoghurt	3 days
Dairy – hard cheese	8 days
Non-dairy chilled	1 month
<b>FROZEN – Package must be intact, no freezer burn, no ice crystals</b>	
Any product	3 months