

AFGC Allergen Forum Project - Allergen Labelling Stakeholder Summary

Project Team

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Project Timing

Project started in October 2004 and will be completed by the end of April 2006

Project Objectives

To provide allergic consumers with clear and consistent allergen information on product labels through the development of guidelines for an allergen labelling process appropriate for all industry groups.

Project Scope

Retail, Food Service, Catering, Commercial & Point of Sale allergen labelling

Preferred Allergen Declaration Format

The information below describes only the preferred team approach to allergen declaration. There are alternative forms of declaration that will be detailed in the AFGC Allergen Management and Labelling Guide as well as a possible FSANZ Allergen User Guide once the project has been completed. If you have any feedback please contact the Allergen Bureau by the end of February 06.

- All allergens identified in the ingredient list as well as the allergenic derived processing aids present in the final food. Additionally, the gluten (grain) source should also be qualified in the ingredient list.
- Plain English declaration of all ingredients.
- Allergen declared in bold in the ingredient list.
- Allergen summary statement used and declared after the ingredient list in bold as per the table to clause 4 of standard 1.2.3.
- Allergen cross contact statement declared in bold if required on a separate line after the summary statement.
- Print size - minimum 1.5mm, Case - Lower, Font Type - Legible, Font style - Sans serif, colour - Distinct contrast required.

(Preferred Format Only - Example Product)

