



Chemical Food Safety Unit/Food Composition Section

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## 1 Defect

1. The food contains allergens not indicated in the labelling, and which pursuant to regulations should be indicated.
2. The product has become contaminated by such allergens e.g. during the production process.

This is a serious defect as allergens can cause severe allergic reactions and even a life-threatening type of allergic reaction (an anaphylactic shock).

Indication of allergens, grounds<sup>1</sup>

## 2 Ingredients that shall be indicated

The following ingredients shall always be indicated regardless of how small their amount is:

1. Cereals containing gluten (i.e. wheat, rye, barley, oats, spelt, kamut or their hybridised strains) and products thereof, except:
  - a. wheat-based glucose syrups including dextrose<sup>2</sup>;
  - b. wheat-based maltodextrins<sup>2</sup>;
  - c. glucose syrups based on barley;
  - d. cereals used for making distillates or ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin for spirit drinks and other alcoholic beverages.
2. Crustaceans and products thereof.
3. Eggs and products thereof.
4. Fish and products thereof, except:
  - a. fish gelatine used as carrier for vitamin or carotenoid preparations;
  - b. fish gelatine or Isinglass used as fining agent in beer and wine.
5. Peanuts and products thereof.
6. Soybeans and products thereof, except:
  - a. fully refined soybean oil and fat<sup>2</sup>;

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) No 1169/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the provision of food information to consumers, Article 21 and Annex II.

<sup>2</sup> And the products thereof, in so far as the process that they have undergone is not likely to increase the level of allergenicity assessed by the Authority for the relevant product from which they originated.



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- b. natural mixed tocopherols (E306), natural D-alpha tocopherol, natural D-alpha tocopherol acetate, natural D-alpha tocopherol succinate from soybean sources;
    - c. vegetable oils derived phytosterols and phytosterol esters from soybean sources;
    - d. plant stanol ester produced from vegetable oil sterols from soybean sources.
7. Milk and products thereof (including lactose), except:
  - a. whey used for making distillates or ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin for spirit drinks and other alcoholic beverages;
  - b. lactitol.
8. Nuts, i.e. almonds (*Amygdalus communis* L.), hazelnuts (*Corylus avellana*), walnuts (*Juglans regia*), cashews (*Anacardium occidentale*), pecan nuts (*Carya illinoensis* (Wangenh.) K. Koch), Brazil nuts (*Bertholletia excelsa*), pistachio nuts (*Pistacia vera*), macadamia nuts and Queensland nuts (*Macadamia ternifolia*), and products thereof, except:
  - a. nuts used for making distillates or ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin for spirit drinks and other alcoholic beverages.
9. Celery and products thereof.
10. Mustard and products thereof.
11. Sesame seeds and products thereof.
12. Sulphur dioxide and sulphites at concentrations of more than 10 mg/kg or 10 mg/litre in terms of the total SO<sub>2</sub> which are to be calculated for products as proposed ready for consumption or as reconstituted according to the instructions of the manufacturers.
13. Lupin and products thereof.
14. Molluscs and products thereof.

### Coming into force

This guidance has come into force on 10.1.2022 and it replaces the previous version 17007/4, (published on 22.11.2019).



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### Updates in version 6

The footnotes have been changed.

The point 12 “Sulphur dioxide and sulphites at concentrations of more than 10 mg/kg or 10 mg/litre expressed as SO<sub>2</sub>.” has been changed to “Sulphur dioxide and sulphites at concentrations of more than 10 mg/kg or 10 mg/litre in terms of the total SO<sub>2</sub> which are to be calculated for products as proposed ready for consumption or as reconstituted according to the instructions of the manufacturers.”