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Food Law Newsletter



New FSA Food Allergen Guidance for non-prepacked food

New best practice guidance on the provision of allergen information for non-prepacked foods will be published on Wednesday 5 March 2025, along with additional resources to help food business operators provide allergen information in writing.

The guidance advises that it is best practice to provide allergen information in writing for non-prepacked food, supported by a conversation with the consumer. It gives food businesses assistance on how to provide this information.

Along with the guidance, the FSA is publishing a range of resources to support businesses in implementing this new guidance.

The use of these resources is not mandatory; businesses will retain flexibility in choosing how to provide written allergen information for non-prepacked food.



Allergen Symbols

The FSA resources include 14 symbols to represent the regulated allergens, an allergen matrix, and a poster/sign to encourage consumers to speak to food businesses about allergens.

They will be published the same day as the guidance and will be available to download from the FSA website.

Has there been a change in allergen law?

The FSA point out that there has been no change to the law and food businesses can still choose how to provide allergen information for non-prepacked food, however it must be accurate.

The guidance recommends the FSA's preferred approach of written allergen information together with a conversation with consumers about food allergies.

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Please speak to our staff about the ingredients in your meal, when making your order. 7 Thank you. 7

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