

MEAT & SEAFOOD

PEAL - Plain English Allergen Labelling

The updated Plain English Allergen Labelling regulations for food offered for sale in Australia came into effect 25th February 2021, with a 3-year transition period. In summary, the regulations require all Allergens to be listed in their ****required names** as:

- **Bold text** within a statement of ingredients (when a product is required to bear a label), and;
- In a separate bold type **"Contains"** statement in the same field of view as the statement of ingredients; and directly next to the statement of ingredients; and be distinctly separated from the statement of ingredients.

All Stores who **pack and label food products in-store** for sale in Self-Serve Displays or Assisted Serviced Displays should review their labels/product information, update this information in their BOS to the new legislative requirements and ensure **bold text type** is able to be printed from Scales and Labelling Machines **by no later than 25th February 2024**.

For Further Information,

It is imperative that retailers undertake their own research to ensure that they are complying with the legislation. Below are some links to help you:

New requirements for Plain English Allergen Labelling on packaged foods

<https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/media/Pages/New-requirements-for-allergen-labelling-on-packaged-foods-.aspx>

Food Standards (Proposal P1044 – Plain English Allergen Labelling) Variation

Allergy information for food manufacturers, retailers and importers:

<https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/consumer/foodallergies/foodallergenportal/Pages/allergenInfoForIndustry.aspx>

*****Schedule 9 – Mandatory Advisory Statements sets out the **required names to be listed within an ingredients statement or contains statement within the 'Mandatory Declarations' table of***

S9 – 3 Mandatory Declarations:

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021C00195>

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CRUMBED LAMB CUTLETS

OLD

Ingredients: Lamb (70%), Wheat Flour, Wholemeal Wheat Flour, Vegetable Oil (Canola, Soy), Bakers Yeast, Iodised Salt, Sugar, Wheat Gluten, Fibre (Soy, Wheat, Oat), Soy Flour, Sesame Seeds, Vinegar, Maize Starch, Emulsifiers (481, 471, 472e, 322 soy), Rye Flour, Vegetable Gum (412), Rye Meal, Soy Flour, Preservative (282), Wheat Starch, Wheat Semolina, Oats, Tuna Oil, Fish Gelatin, Milk Protein (Sodium Caseinate), Vitamins (Thiamine, Folate, Vitamin E, Niacin, B6), Minerals (Iron, Zinc)

NEW

Ingredients: Lamb (70%), **Wheat** Flour, Wholemeal **Wheat** Flour, Vegetable Oil (Canola, **Soy**), Bakers Yeast, Iodised Salt, Sugar, **Wheat** Gluten, Fibre (**Soy, Wheat, Oat**), **Soy** Flour, **Sesame** Seeds, Vinegar, Maize Starch, Emulsifiers (481, 471, 472e, 322 **soy**), **Rye** Flour, Vegetable Gum (412), **Rye** Meal, **Soy** Flour, Preservative (282), **Wheat** Starch, **Wheat** Semolina, **Oats**, Tuna Oil, **Fish** Gelatin, **Milk** Protein (Sodium Caseinate), Vitamins (Thiamine, Folate, Vitamin E, Niacin, B6), Minerals (Iron, Zinc)

Contains: **Wheat, Gluten, Soy, Sesame, Fish, Milk**

Note: the **required name for the Ingredients List vs. the Contains Statement may be different. Follow the 'Schedule g' link on the 1st page.

Metcash - Proprietary packaged goods

Metcash are engaging all of their suppliers of packaged proprietary meat and seafood goods to ensure their compliance to the new legislative requirements.

Direct/Directs

It is the retailer's responsibility to ensure any meat and or seafood goods from direct/direct suppliers are compliant.

In-store Packed Products

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