

Group Allergen Policy

So that the consumer can be confident in the products that they purchase, Cranswick plc is committed to a policy of providing clear, unambiguous labelling of allergens and their derivatives, that may be present in the raw materials we purchase and the food products we produce.

Of concern are the following 14 Major Serious Allergens (MSA's), which if consumed or contacted by susceptible persons may, in extreme circumstances, trigger an anaphylactic reaction:

- Cereals containing gluten.
- Crustaceans.
- Fish.
- Eggs.
- Peanuts.
- Soybeans.
- Milk.
- Nuts – Almond, Hazelnut, Walnut, Cashew, Pecan, Brazil, Pistachio, Macadamia & Queensland.
- Celery & Celeriac.
- Mustard.
- Sesame seeds.
- Sulphur Dioxide and Sulphites >10ppm.
- Molluscs.
- Lupin.

We work with all our raw material suppliers to ensure that all allergens which are present by direct addition to the recipe or via compound ingredients or processing aids, or through cross contamination from other allergens handled by the manufacturing site, are known. Also that this risk has been assessed, managed, and is clearly highlighted on our raw material specifications and dietary intolerance questionnaires required as part of our ingredient approval process.

Wherever such allergens and their derivatives are not necessary to deliver optimum flavour, appearance, taste, texture, authenticity or other consumer benefits, we will endeavour to remove these from the raw materials we purchase and the food products we produce.

Where this is not possible, we will ensure that their presence is clearly specified within our product specification and highlighted on the product label in accordance with legislative requirements, and that management systems and protocols are in place to prevent cross contamination during the manufacturing process.

Where "Free from" foods are produced these shall be subject to both control and analysis to assure the validity of such claims.

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Latex (natural rubber) is also of concern as it can contain several allergens that in some, uncommon, circumstances can cause a severe reaction. It is for this reason that, where possible, Cranswick do not purchase personal protective equipment (PPE), i.e. latex gloves, that could potentially put our employees and consumers at risk. Where there is a specific application where an item of PPE containing latex provides additional safety measures to colleagues above one that does not contain latex, this may be used with approval from a director of the business.

To verify that the safety of the products we produce is not compromised, all our manufacturing sites carry out an annual allergen and latex risk assessment review and HACCP audit.

For Cranswick plc:



Group Technical Director
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See: www.anaphylaxis.org.uk

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