



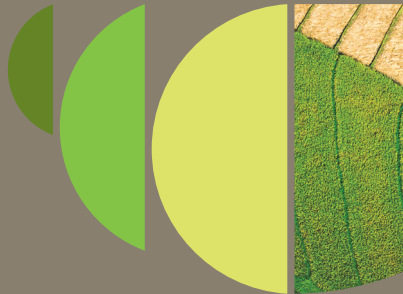
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Mandatory allergen labelling

Information for food importers
and businesses in Australia

If you import food you are responsible for
understanding and meeting mandatory
allergen labelling requirements.



Some food and their components can cause severe allergic reactions including anaphylaxis.

The Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code Standard 1.2.3 specifies how the 10 allergens **must** be labelled when present in food as ingredients or as components of food additives or processing aids.

The 10 allergens in the Code are:



Eggs



Lupins



Milk



Peanuts



Seafood



Sesame seeds



Shellfish



Soy



Tree nuts



Wheat

In addition, food containing the bee product royal jelly is required to have a warning statement as it can cause severe allergic reaction.

Importers must be aware that the presence of undeclared allergens poses a risk to human health for people with food allergies. Under section 8 of the *Imported Food Control Act 1992*, it is an offence to knowingly import food into Australia that poses a risk to human health. The offence carries a penalty of imprisonment for 10 years.

Find out more about mandatory allergen labelling at agriculture.gov.au/allergen-labelling.