



## *George Weston Foods Limited*

# ALLERGEN MANAGEMENT & LABELLING

George Weston Foods Limited (GWF) acknowledges its responsibility with respect to the management and labelling of ingredients that may elicit allergic or intolerance responses in some consumers.

### **SCOPE**

The scope of this policy covers our consumer brands and products or ingredients that GWF supplies.

The following substances are recognised as having the potential to cause an allergic or intolerance response in some people:

Cereals containing gluten and their products, namely, wheat, rye, barley, oats and spelt and their hybridised strains (other than when used for the manufacture of beer and spirits)	Peanuts and soybeans and their products
Crustacea and their products	Added sulphites in concentrations of 10 mg/kg or more
Egg and egg products	Royal jelly presented as a food or royal jelly present in a food
Fish and fish products	Bee pollen
Milk and milk products	Propolis
Nuts and sesame seeds and their products	



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### **MANAGEMENT**

GWF will take all practical measures to reduce the risk of these substances being transferred into products that do not contain them as ingredients.

GWF will take the following measures to manage the specified allergenic substances within our business:

- Supplier Management Program
  - All suppliers will be issued with GWF's Allergen Management and Labelling Policy;
  - The allergen status of ingredients shall be determined prior to use by way of a documented supplier declaration.
  - The allergen status of ingredients shall be monitored by way of supplier audits and testing where appropriate.
- Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) consistent with site food safety programs in place at all manufacturing sites;
- Where possible, products containing allergenic substances are to be manufactured after products that do not contain them;
- Cleaning programs will be designed and reviewed to ensure that the presence of allergenic substances on plant and equipment is minimised;
- The allergen status of all products shall be documented and reviewed as appropriate.

These measures will be regularly reviewed through our internal monitoring programs, which are the responsibility of our Technical staff.

### **LABELLING**

GWF's products comply with Australian and New Zealand food regulations and in particular, the current provisions of Standard 1.2.2 Food Identification Requirements – Clause 4: Mandatory declaration of certain substances in food.

GWF will provide clear and consistent labelling information to assist consumers who may need to be alerted to the presence of allergenic substances in food.

GWF will label products to indicate the presence of allergenic substances where they are used as ingredients or where they are present through unavoidable cross-transfer.



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The format for labelling of allergens shall be as follows:

**EXAMPLE 1:**

Wheat Flour, Water, Mixed Grains (13%) (Kibbled Rye, Kibbled Wheat, Corn, Triticale, Kibbled Barley, Rolled Oats), Baker's Yeast, Linseed (5%), Kibbled Soy (2.6%) Gluten, Sunflower Kernels (1%), Salt, Canola Oil, Soy Flour, Vinegar, Emulsifiers (481, 471), Sugar, Preservative (282), Vitamins (Thiamin, Folic Acid).

Contains wheat, rye, triticale, barley, oats and soy.

### ***May Contain Statements***

"May Contain" statements will only be used as a last resort where cross-transfer of allergenic substances is:

- documented;
- not able to be controlled;
- sporadic; and
- potentially hazardous.

**EXAMPLE:**

Wheat Flour, Sugar, Vegetable oil (Antioxidants [322, 307]), Full Cream Milk Powder, Non Fat Milk Solids, Salt, Egg, Mineral Salts (450, 500, 503), Flavours (Cream, Passionfruit, Butter), Food Acid (330), Colours (100, 160b), Emulsifier (Soy Lecithin).

Contains Wheat, Egg, Milk and Soy.  
May contain nut traces.

### ***Portion Control Packs***

Individual portion control packs (PCP's), which are not required to show an ingredient list shall be labelled as follows:

**EXAMPLE:**

Biscuits in the Westons Food Service Range contain wheat, dairy, egg, and nut traces.



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### ***Unpackaged Products***

Where products are not contained in a package and therefore do not have a label, GWF will provide the information on the allergen status of the product to the seller. This information shall be available on request from the seller.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information on the Allergen status of GWF's products can be obtained by contacting the GWF Consumer Information Centre on 1800 645 515 or via email on [consumer@gwf.com.au](mailto:consumer@gwf.com.au)