

Licensee Check List for Allergy Declarations

Why, What, How and When



Why

Changes to the UK labelling Regulations require that consumers are provided with or have access to a range of information that enables them to make decisions about food purchases

Changes apply to all foods whether these are pre-packed (food and drink in bottles, cans, jars tins, packs etc.) or non pre-packed (food and drink for direct sale to the customer that is served on a plate or has been prepared and then packed on the sales premises, and includes draught beers and other drinks)

What

Pubs **must** be able to provide the allergy information to consumers **before** they make a food or drink purchase for all non pre-packed foods and drinks.

How

Allergy information can be provided using any of the following examples, in combination or alone and not restricted to:

- Labels, tickets or stickers
- Printed menus or lists (*recommended*)
- Signs, blackboards or POS notifications
- Verbal (written verification of verbal information must be available)

The requirement is for allergy information to be available **upon request**. This does not mean that the allergy information needs to be displayed alongside food or drink items but can be provided separately

Customers **must** be made aware that information is available **upon request** by the use of a sign that can be clearly seen at the point that food or drink is ordered i.e.:

'Allergy information for all food dishes and draught beverages served on the premises is available upon request'

or

'Before you order your food and drinks please ask a members of staff if you have food allergies or intolerances'

When

It will be a legal requirement to provide allergy information to consumers, **upon request**, from the 13th of December 2014

Further Reference

FSA technical guidance on allergen declaration:

<http://multimedia.food.gov.uk/multimedia/pdfs/guidance/allergen-labelling-technical-guidance.pdf>

FSA Allergy and Intolerance Website:

<http://www.food.gov.uk/science/allergy-intolerance/#.U7aGa1aRYpE>