



ALLERGENS POLICY

Wherever possible, it is the policy of Ripon Select Foods to avoid the unnecessary use of ingredients which are, or contain, known allergens. Where known allergens (other than Wheat Gluten), or ingredients containing them, are purchased, specific handling requirements shall include:-

- ◆ They shall be kept securely packaged
- ◆ They shall be kept separate from finished products in dedicated racking
- ◆ They shall be handled in accordance with the principles set out in the company Quality Manual so as to avoid spillages and the risk of cross contamination of other ingredients and finished products
- ◆ Specifications and product labels shall clearly show allergens present in a product or raw material
- ◆ Staff to keep food (for consumption) contained to canteens and rest rooms only. Observing the companies no Nuts and Sesame Seeds policy
- ◆ Production scheduling
- ◆ Dedicated utensils and waste disposal equipment for those segregated areas
- ◆ Machinery and equipment used in the processing of allergenic materials (other than Wheat Gluten) must be thoroughly cleaned and inspected prior to changeover.
- ◆ Staff Allergen awareness training

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This table is a list of potentially allergenic ingredients which, if present in a food product or ingredient within a food product, must be declared on the label. This information is required by Directives 2006/142/EC, 2003/89/EC which amends Directive 2000/13/EC & 2007/68/EC which amends directive 2005/26/EC. Directive 2006/142/EC has amended EC Directive 2000/13/EC adding further allergens to the list requiring to be identified and labelled, and subsequent permanent exemptions listing, 2007/68/EC..

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Cereals containing gluten and products thereof *	<p>Wheat, Rye, Barley, Oats, Spelt, Kamut or their hybridised strains and products thereof with the exception of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) wheat-based glucose syrups including dextrose; (b) wheat-based maltodextrins; (c) glucose syrups based on barley; (d) cereals used for making distillates or ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin for spirit drinks and other alcoholic beverages
Crustaceans and products thereof	
Eggs and products thereof *	
Fish and products thereof *	<p>With the exception of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Fish gelatine used as a carrier for vitamin or carotenoid preparations; (b) Fish gelatine or Isinglass used as fining agent in beer and wine.
Peanuts and products thereof	
Soy (Soya) beans and products thereof *	<p>With the exception of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Fully refined soybean oil and fat; (b) Natural mixed tocopherols (E306), natural D-alpha tocopherol, natural D-alpha tocopherol acetate, natural D-alpha tocopherol succinate from soybean sources; (c) Vegetable oils derived phytosterols and phytosterol esters from soybean sources; (d) Plant stanol ester produced from vegetable oil sterols from soybean sources
Milk and products thereof (including lactose) *	<p>With the exception of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) whey used for making distillates or ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin for spirit drinks and other alcoholic beverages; (b) lactitol.

Nuts and products thereof, including	<p>Almonds (<i>Amygdalus communis</i> L)</p> <p>Brazil nuts (<i>Bertholletia excelsa</i>)</p> <p>Cashews (<i>Anacardium occidentale</i>)</p> <p>Hazelnuts (<i>Corylus avellana</i>)</p> <p>Macadamia nuts and Queensland nuts (<i>Macadamia ternifolia</i>)</p> <p>Pecan nuts (<i>Carya illinoiesis</i> (Wangenh) K Koch)</p> <p>Pistachio nuts (<i>Pistacia vera</i>)</p> <p>Walnuts (<i>Juglans regia</i>)</p> <p>With the exception of:</p> <p>(a) nuts used for making distillates or ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin for spirit drinks and other alcoholic beverages.</p>
Celery and products thereof *	
Mustard and products thereof *	
Sesame seeds and products thereof	
Sulphur dioxide and Sulphites at concentrations greater than 10mg/kg or 10mg/litre expressed as SO ₂ . *	
Lupin and products thereof	
Molluscs and products thereof	

* The allergens currently handled by the company are marked with (*). Please note, the allergens highlighted with * may only be handled on a single basis, annually or on a less frequent basis.