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## New Allergen Declaration Requirements, Oceania

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Dear Valued Customer,

Undeclared allergens in food present a significant risk to human health for people with food allergies. The new allergen declaration labelling requirements make it clearer for consumers to identify allergens in food.

[Food Standards Code 1.2.3](#) specifies the mandatory warning statements, advisory statements and declarations required for certain foods and ingredients, including components of food additives or processing aids, identified as causing allergic reactions. Foods that require mandatory allergen declarations are listed in Schedule 9 of the Code.

On February 25, 2021, the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code was amended to introduce new mandatory allergen warning statement requirements.

- The new requirements include that allergen information must be declared:
  - In a specific format and location on food labels, and
  - Using simple, plain English terms in bold font.
- Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) has developed a five-year implementation plan to support the new requirements:
  - From February 25, 2021, businesses will have a three-year transitional period to comply with the new requirements. During this period, importers can comply with the existing declarations or new requirements.
  - At the end of the transition period, a two-year stock in trade period will allow a food packaged and labelled before the end of the transition period to continue to be sold for up to 2 years.

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the notice held within, please contact your Key Account Manager or a C.H. Robinson representative.

Sincerely,  
C.H. Robinson.