

Addendum: Food Allergen Awareness and Control in Catering handbook

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Food businesses have a legal obligation to label food that is prepacked for direct sale (PPDS) in the same way as prepacked food is labelled (this is informally known as 'Natasha's law').

The following content has been added to the book and will be printed in the next edition (3rd Edition).

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Pre-packed for direct sale (PPDS)

Food that is prepared on site and packed before it is offered for sale before the customer selects or orders it, must have labelling on it that clearly details any allergens it contains.

Prepacked for direct sale products are required to be labelled in the same way as pre-packed foods:

- label products with the name of the food
- have a full ingredients list, with allergenic ingredients emphasised within the list (e.g. bold type, italics, capital letters, etc.)
 - ingredients must be:
 - clear to see (e.g. not hidden, obscured or detracted from by pictures or other writing on the label)
 - in a prominent place
 - clearly legible robust information that does not rub off or fall off when handling the food packet all information given must be accurate.

Further information about the changes can also be found on the 'Food Safety Agency' website:

<https://www.food.gov.uk/allergen-labelling-changes-for-prepacked-for-direct-sale-ppds-food>

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