

Food Allergen Management Consensus Statement

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CONSUMERS TO:

1. declare their allergies and read food labels (including ingredient lists and allergen declaration statements), and
2. ultimately make their own judgement about the foods they choose to consume.

WE CONSIDER THAT IN ORDER TO ENABLE CONSUMERS TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR SAFETY:

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PACKAGED FOOD MANUFACTURERS TO:

1. follow robust allergen management practices including quantitative risk assessment, and
2. use clear, consistent labelling to inform consumers about that food's allergen content, including the possible presence of unintended allergens.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS/PROVIDERS TO:

1. follow robust allergen management practices, and
2. ensure that staff understand and can inform consumers about the allergen content of the food they provide, including the possible presence of unintended allergens.

We recognise that the safety of consumers with food allergy is a shared responsibility of consumers, packaged food manufacturers, food service establishments/providers, health professionals, retailers, and regulatory and enforcement agencies.

This consensus statement is specific to consumers, packaged food manufacturers and food service establishments/providers, and is part of a strategy to improve the safety and quality of life of consumers with food allergy.

