

Submission

Proposal P1030 Allergen Labelling Exemptions

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The Department of Health and Human Services, Tasmania (the Department) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Proposal P1030 – Allergen Labelling Exemptions.

The Department supports Option 1 to prepare draft variation to Standard 1.2.3 to exempt certain foods and ingredients from mandatory declaration of allergens where available evidence indicates the production methods used remove or reduce allergenic proteins to levels that are of negligible risk to allergic consumers.

The products outlined in this proposal include:

- soy bean oil that has undergone a complete refining treatment
- tocopherols and phytosterols derived from the deodoriser distillate of fully refined soybean oil
- Glucose syrup derived from wheat starch
- Alcohol distillate made from wheat or whey

The Department supports the exemption of these products if they meet the appropriate production methods and/or maximum level as is the case for gluten in glucose syrup derived from wheat starch (gluten <10mg/kg).

Question 3 in the submission asks for suggestions on the preferred means of communicating these changes to interested parties. The most effective way to communicate changes would be via key allergy organisations websites and health professional channels. These include but are not limited to Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia, Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy, FSANZ, Dietitians Association of Australia, Coeliac Australia and Primary Health Networks. These organisations can then use their usual channels of communication to pass the changes on allergen declaration to allergic individuals.