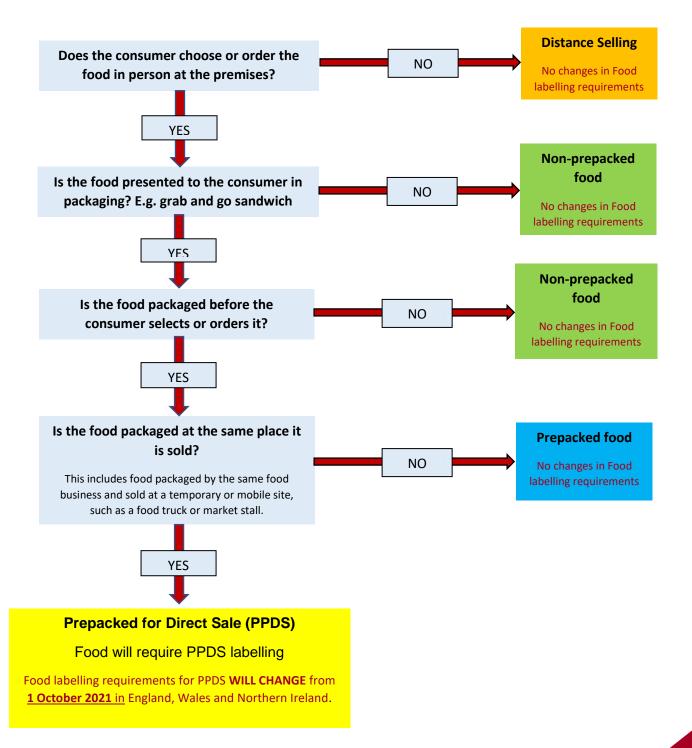


Allergens and Ingredients Food Labelling Decision Tree.

Food labelling requirements for <u>prepacked for direct sale food (PPDS)</u>, also known as <u>shop prepared 'Grab n Go' foods</u>, will change from 1 October 2021 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Use this labelling tool to find out whether the changes apply to your business and what you need to do.



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Distance selling.

NO CHANGE to Food labelling requirements Food sold via distance communications e.g. internet/phone is not affected by the changes to prepacked for direct sale allergen labelling. However, food sold in this way is already subject to allergen labelling requirements and UK Food Law. For more information on **How to manage a food business if you sell products online, for takeaway or for delivery** please use the following link: Distance selling, mail order and delivery | Food Standards Agency

Allergen information must be provided at two stages:

- **before the purchase of the food is completed** this can be in writing (on a website, catalogue or menu) or orally (by phone)
- at the moment the food is delivered this can be in writing (allergen stickers on food or an enclosed copy of a menu) or orally (by delivery driver).

Food businesses selling prepacked foods through distance selling need to make the same level of information on allergens available to consumer as when the food is bought from a retail environment. For example, this could be included on your website or in your menu.

Food businesses selling non-prepacked foods or prepacked for direct sale food through distance selling will need to provide allergen information but not a list of ingredients.

If you provide non-prepacked foods, you must supply allergen information for every item that contains any of the 14 allergens. Non-prepacked (loose) foods include:

Nonprepacked food.

NO CHANGE to Food labelling requirements

- foods sold loose in retail outlets
- foods which are not sold prepacked.

Non-prepacked allergen information requirements can apply to loose items sold at a delicatessen counter, a bakery, a butcher's, as well as meals served in a restaurant, and food from a takeaway and food packed on the sales premises at the consumer's request after being selected or ordered.

You are required to provide information about the use of the 14 allergens if they are present in a food. You are not required to provide a full ingredients list. Where food businesses chooses for this information to not be provided upfront in a written format, the food business must use clear signposting to direct the customer to where this information can be found such as asking members of staff. In such situations there must be a statement that can be found on food menus, chalkboards, food order tickets or food labels.

Prepacked food.

NO CHANGE to Food labelling requirements

Prepacked products refer to any food put into packaging before being placed on sale. Food is prepacked when it:

- is either fully or partly enclosed by the packaging
- cannot be altered without opening or changing the packaging
- is ready for sale.

Prepacked food must have an ingredients list present on the packaging. Allergens present in the product must be emphasised each time they appear in the ingredients list.

Prepacked for Direct Sale (PPDS)

Food labelling requirements for prepacked for direct sale food will change from 1st October 2021 This is food which is packaged at the <u>same place it is offered to consumers and is in the packaging before it is ordered or selected</u>. It can also include some food sold at mobile or temporary outlets.

It can include sandwiches, salads and pies packaged by the food business and provided from the same premises. It can also apply to fast food if wrapped or packaged before a customer selects them, or supermarket products which are produced and packaged in store e.g. bakery items.

All prepacked for direct sale food will <u>need to have a label showing the name of the food and the ingredients list with the 14 allergens required to be declared</u> by law emphasised within it.

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