



Prepacked for Direct Sale (PPDS) legislation and MenuCal information Newsletter Copy

The following copy can be used in newsletter communications with your members.

**'Food allergies can be life threatening.
Food Standards Scotland are here to help you prepare and manage the
information required for the new food labelling laws.**

New legislation, which requires food businesses to include the product name and full ingredient list on all food prepacked for direct sale (PPDS), came into force across Scotland and the rest of the UK on October 1st 2021.

This means that it is now a legal requirement for businesses producing PPDS foods to label them with the name of the product, along with an ingredients list highlighting any allergens.

Examples of PPDS foods include sandwiches packaged by the food business and sold from the same premises, wrapped deli counter goods such as cheese and meats, and boxed salads placed on a refrigerated shelf prior to sale.

What information is required?

You must include the name of the food product and an ingredients list emphasising any of the 14 allergens that are required to be declared by law.

Allergens could be emphasised by:

- Using a different text colour
- Writing the allergens in bold or underlining.

How is my business affected?

To find out how your business is affected, simply answer a few quick questions on the Food Standards Scotland website which will determine what you need to do to comply with these changes.

Support and guidance

You can find all the support and guidance you need on the Food Standards Scotland website, as well as a short video explaining more about the legislation change.

You can also use Food Standards Scotland's free and easy-to-use MenuCal tool to support you through this transition. MenuCal provides the required ingredient and allergen information for all food prepacked for direct sale, as well as information about calories. The tool helps you track, store and manage your ingredients and allergens while keeping customers informed and safe. Find out more about MenuCal at [MenuCal.FSS.Scot](https://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/menucal).

Visit the Food Standards Scotland website today for further support, to ensure you are following the new PPDS regulations: [foodstandards.gov.scot/prepacked](https://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/prepacked).