

General information on allergen situation

The legal requirements for the declaration of allergens are regulated by regulation 2000/13/EC and all current amendments.

These are the following fourteen allergenic substance classes which are involved:

- Cereals containing gluten (i.e. wheat, rye, barley, oats, spelt, kamut or their hybridised strains), and products thereof;
- Crustaceans and crustacean products;
- Eggs and egg products;
- Fish and fish products;
- Peanuts and peanut products;
- Soya and soya products;
- Milk and milk products (including lactose);
- Nuts, i.e. almonds (*Amygdalus communis* L.), hazelnuts (*Corylus avellana*), walnuts (*Juglans regia*), cashews (*Anacardium occidentale*), pecan nuts (*Carya illinoensis* (Wangenh.) K.Koch), Brazil nuts (*Bertholletia excelsa*), pistachio nuts (*Pistacia vera*), macadamia nuts and Queensland nuts (*Macadamia ternifolia*), and products thereof;
- Celery and celery products;
- Mustard and mustard products;
- Sesame seeds and sesame seed products;
- Sulphur dioxide and sulphites at concentrations of more than 10 mg/kg or 10 mg/litre expressed as SO₂;
- Lupin and lupin products;
- Mollusc and mollusc products;

It is the company's aim to avoid materials containing allergens in all our products. We take careful and critical selection steps for all our raw materials and suppliers, but due to the recipe some products may contain ingredients with allergenic potential, in such cases this will be clearly declared on the Product Data Sheet.

For certain converting processes based on wheat starch, such as glucose syrup / dextrose, no allergenic potential has been scientifically proven. These processed products are therefore on a provisional list of the EU Commission; they are exempt from the declaration in Annexe IIIa of regulation 2000/13/EC and from the current amended regulations. Such materials are therefore considered in the HARIBO Product Data Sheet as not to be ingredients with allergenic potential.

Cross-contamination cannot be 100% excluded in the food chain – beginning at the initial agricultural production to the end consumer. In our HACCP studies allergens are considered and appropriate organisational and technological measures are in place to reduce this risk. This, of course, is also included in the requirements for our suppliers.

This statement has been created in collaboration with the legal, quality and technical management of HARIBO and represents the current legal status.

If changes to the legal situation or internal knowledge occurs then we will update this statement and supersede it with a new version.