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PROVISIONAL EXEMPTION OBTAINED FOR “ALLERGEN LABELLING” OF WHEAT-BASED MALTODEXTRINS, GLUCOSE SYRUPS, DEXTROSE

Legislative background

[Directive 2000/13/EC regarding the indication of the ingredients present in foodstuffs was amended by Directive 2003/89/EC which introduced the concept of “allergen labelling”.](#)

According to this Directive, “cereals containing gluten and products thereof” must always be labelled with an indication of their botanical origin. However, products that are not likely to trigger adverse reactions, and for which the potential to trigger adverse reactions is under study, can be provisionally exempted from specific labelling based on the evaluation of the completed and on-going scientific studies notified to the Commission before 25 August 2004.

As announced in the AAC communication in January 2004¹, the AAC notified to the Commission its on-going studies for wheat-based maltodextrins, glucose syrups and dextrose on 9 June 2004².

On 19 November 2004, the EFSA published its opinion on:

- [Wheat based maltodextrins,](#)
- [Wheat based glucose syrups, including dextrose.](#)

The EFSA opinions conclude that these wheat-based ingredients:

- “are unlikely to cause an adverse reaction in individuals with coeliac disease” and,
- “are not very likely to cause severe allergic reactions in the majority of cereal allergic individuals”³

Provisional exemption from allergen labelling

On the basis of EFSA opinions, on 22 March the Commission published with the enclosed Directive 2005/26/EC the list of food ingredients or substances provisionally excluded from allergen labelling.

- **Wheat-based glucose syrups including dextrose, wheat-based maltodextrins and products thereof are included in this list and therefore are provisionally exempted from allergen labelling until 25 November 2007.**

Member States have to adopt and publish by 21 September 2005 at the latest, the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive. Those provisions have to be applied from 25 November 2005.

The list of products that are permanently exempted from origin labelling will be published by the Commission latest 25 November 2007.

¹ http://www.aac-eu.org/downloads/Communication_on_the_allergen_labelling_of_wheat_starch_derivatives.pdf

² [http://www.aac-eu.org/downloads/Communication_on_the_allergen_labelling_of_wheat_based_maltodextrins
_glucose_syrups_dextrose_and_barley_based_glucose_syrups.pdf](http://www.aac-eu.org/downloads/Communication_on_the_allergen_labelling_of_wheat_based_maltodextrins_glucose_syrups_dextrose_and_barley_based_glucose_syrups.pdf)

³ <http://www.aac-eu.org/downloads/FL377-2004.pdf>



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- ▶ **The AAC is pleased with this positive development and will complete its ongoing clinical studies. We are fully confident that these ingredients will be permanently excluded from the allergen labelling requirement in 2007.**

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