



Assessing Agricultural Cross Contact - A New Guide 2022

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Informing the
food industry

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- The Allergen Bureau is the peak industry body representing best practice food industry allergen management globally
- Membership based organisation established to provide food industry with rapid responses to questions about allergen risk management in food ingredients and manufactured foods
- Established in 2005, pre-competitive, 'not-for-profit', Allergen Bureau directors provide voluntary, unpaid services

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What is Agricultural Co-Mingling?

Agricultural co-mingling is the result of different crops being grown in proximity with each other, sharing the same fields due to crop rotation, and/or sharing the same equipment/facilities for harvesting, transport, and storage, despite the application of allergen controls as part of Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs).



Agricultural Allergen Cross Contact Working Group

- Issue raised in 2018 Allergen Bureau Member Meeting
- Project commenced 2019
- The two key questions that required answering are:
 1. How do you obtain accurate information?
 2. How do you use the information once you have it?
- Unexpected Allergens in Foods document updated 2021
- Sampling & Testing working group – practical application of the information
- Next steps – improving the understanding in the agricultural industry

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The Allergen Bureau's *Agricultural Co-Mingling Working Group* has been committed to producing a practical guidance to assist industry to identify and manage agricultural cross contact risk.



Who Is The Guide For?

Relevant to all areas of the food industry the new guide will be a useful tool for

- growers,
- primary producers,
- food ingredient manufacturers, importers,
- suppliers,
- food business operators (FBO's),
- importers of packaged foods.

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Everything Industry Needs, All In One Place

The guide provides guidance on:

1. Agricultural co-mingling
 - a) Information on cross contact allergens associated with crops and commodities
 - b) Agricultural practices and controls
2. Ingredient questionnaire
3. Risk rating matrix and recommended sample numbers
4. Sample collection, volume, frequency
5. Allergen analysis recommendations
6. Intended use of the outcomes of analysis
7. Case studies

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Overview Of The Risk Assessment and Application

Use the guide,
supplier and raw
material
information
complete the Raw
Material Risk
Matrix
Questionnaire

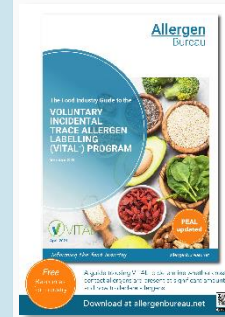
Determine the risk
rating:
Low
Medium
High

Use sampling
guidance to
collect the number
of samples
required

Conduct allergen
analysis, review
results, determine
presence and
prevalence

Use the outcome
to inform your
Allergen
Management
Plan and
Quantitative Risk
Assessment

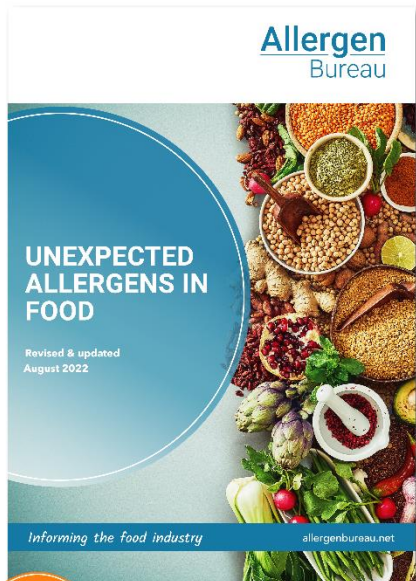
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**Ensuring that all allergens,
including the unexpected ones, are
identified, and included in the
product risk assessment
contributes to a company's due
diligence.**



Resources Available



Free
Resources
for Industry

Unexpected Allergens in Food provides the food industry with a list of foods, ingredients and raw materials that may unexpectedly contain allergens.

Download at allergenbureau.net



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The guide assists industry to identify and manage agricultural cross contact risk.

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because of our member’s
financial support”**

The new Assessing Agricultural Cross
Contact 2022 Guide is a perfect example
of how we use these resources to develop
tools for the benefit of the whole industry.

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The Sample and Testing Sub-Working Group

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- Joanne Price (HJ Langdon).

We sincerely thank this team for volunteering their time outside of work hours



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