PIF V6.0 – Webinar 1 - Ingredient declaration (Section 2.1)

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Overview

The ingredient declaration section is the heart of PIF V6.0.

PIF V6.0 is structured in a different way to PIF v5. A full list of ingredients including food additives, processing aids, vitamins and minerals for the product (sample, flavour, ingredient or retail ready product) is required.

There are two options or approaches to choose from when completing PIF V6.0 – a full breakdown (Option 1) and a Summary (Option 2). Each of these options will be reviewed in this webinar.

Questions & Answers

Q: Would this PIF data dictionary be available to download? Understand if not, it would just be a great tool to help build PIF data for business that has not been using PIF format previously.

A: No – the Data Dictionary is not available to PIF V6.0 users – this document has been specifically created for the Vendors by the AFGC.

Q: In V6.0, the ingredient table should be populated for each component? On v5, there are few questions on table for components and whole product?

A: The ingredient table information can be completed by components such as a cereal or fruit mix in a muesli or as the individual ingredients as shown in the examples in the PIF V6.0 User Guide [p 23].

Q: Are the definitions clear up front in the portals - e.g. GM.? There are problems with suppliers entering 'no' for GM when they use GM enzymes.

A: The hover text for this section states:

Is this ingredient or component a food produced using gene technology?

A GM enzyme should be covered by this. However, AFGC will review this section and consider whether further information is required to assist with this section of the PIF V6.0.

Q: Can you talk to us a little more about the regulatory Map please? What is it about exactly? How it can help us?

A: The Regulatory Map is available on the PIF V6.0 page on the AFGC website.

Q: Also, for substance type PA, should all questions on table also be applied? As on v5, PA only have few fields that need to be populated (not whole questions).

A: to be advised

Q: If we have a product which has no allergens but there is a cross contact allergen for the final product how could I list that?

A: to be advised

Q: Currently if we pick an ingredient as cross contact allergen only, it still appears as the containing allergens in the portal (not as cross contact). e.g. if I pick gluten as cross contact only, portal shows product 'containing gluten' instead of 'may contain'. Should this be corrected?

A: to be advised

Q: What standard is used for the International Allergen declaration?

A: Buckwheat, Celery, Mustard, Coconut

Q: If my ingredient is a food additive, do I have to complete both sections ? " Food additive" and "Ingredient"

A: If the product you are completing the PIF V6.0 for is a food additive then you would list it in the table and select "food additive"**.**

Q: Where we can access the User Guide that you are showing to us?

A: The User Guide is available on the PIF V6.0 page on the AFGC website.

Q: Can we still use version 5?

A: The AFGC recognises that the move to PIF V6.0 will take time and that PIF v5 will continue to be used in the meantime. However, it is worth restating that PIF v5 does NOT provide the data needed for full regulatory compliance and it will not be updated as new requirements come along. Consequently, the AFGC is no longer providing or supporting PIF v5.

Q: If a supplier has updated from v5 to V6.0 can you detect the differences?

A: to be advised

Q: For a processing aids should all of the questions in 2.1 be answered?

A: to be advised

Q: Is the % of total referring to % of total product?

A: total product

Q: PIF are often received from international suppliers what is their framework of control – how are they comparable to the Australia regulations?

A: PIF V6.0 is based on food regulations applicable to products manufactured and sold in Australia and New Zealand.

Q: One of the selling points of PIF V6.0 was to be able to send as a pdf – cannot currently send a pdf via the portals.

A: to be advised

Q: Is a summarised version of a PIF created automatically?

A: to be advised