

Dear NEST

You may be aware that there are reports in the news and other official sources that certain mustard products may have been contaminated with peanuts.

The source has been identified as a producer in India who has supplied ingredients for one company for use in the UK – FGS Ingredients Ltd. To date, none of our suppliers have recalled any products, but they are carrying out further checks to ensure they are not affected by this issue.

Whilst implicated products are being identified, and because of the severity of some allergic reactions to peanuts, the FSA is taking a precautionary approach and is advising people who have a peanut allergy to avoid consuming foods that contain or may contain mustard, mustard powder or mustard flour because they may have been contaminated with peanuts.

Food Standards Agency's Director of Food Policy, Rebecca Sudworth, said:

“Those with a peanut allergy should avoid consuming products containing mustard as an ingredient until we identify the individual products affected. Parents and carers of children who have a peanut allergy should take care to check the labels of food they buy and, if eating out, or getting a takeaway, ask the restaurant or cafe about foods that might contain mustard. Parents and carers of children who have a peanut allergy should take care to check the labels of food they buy and, if eating out, or getting a takeaway, ask the restaurant or cafe about foods that might contain mustard.”

The full guidance can be found here: <https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/news/urgent-allergy-advice-mustard-ingredients-contaminated-with-peanuts>

This means that Harrison will also be taking further actions:

1. We will be displaying the guidance note from the FSA at each service point,
2. If a food we serve contains mustard, we will advise customers of this on request
3. We will assume when serving primary/prep age children that any product which contains mustard may also contain peanuts

Our operations and catering teams have been made aware of the situation, and we will issue updates as and when guidance is updated, or further information is available.

Yours Sincerely



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