Don't Trust The Label Alone to Determine Whether a Product is Safe from an Allergen



INGREDIENTS: OYSTERS, OIL BLEND (PALM, COCONUT, PEANUT), PROTEIN BLEND (WHEY PROTEIN CONCENTRATE, WHEY PROTEIN ISOLATE, COLLAGEN PEPTIDES), ERYTHRITOL, NATURAL FLAVORS, XANTHAN GUM, SALT, CARRAGEENAN, DEXTROSE, STEVIA LEAF EXTRACT, SILICA, GUAR GUM.

CONTAINS MILK.

MANUFACTURED IN A FACILITY THAT ALSO PROCESSES WHEAT.

Highly Refined Derivatives are Not Considered Allergens

The FDA does *not* designate "highly refined" derivatives of allergens to be allergens. So peanut, tree nut, soybean, sesame and other highly refined oils are *not* required to be labeled as allergens in the ingredient list or the *Contains* statement.

If you avoid these ingredients, you must read the entire label!

The "Contains" Statement is Not Mandatory

The FDA recognizes nine allergens (peanuts, tree nuts, milk, eggs, soy, wheat, fish, crustacean shellfish and sesame) as the only ingredients that must be listed as such and does not include molluscan shellfish like clams and oysters. Other allergens may be hidden under the terms "Spices" or "Natural Flavors." The "Contains" statement is not required if the allergen appears in the ingredient list.

Do not rely solely on the presence of a Contains statement!

Allergen Processing Warnings are Voluntary

Statements like "Manufactured in a facility that processes..." and "May contain traces of..." are not recognized and not required by the FDA. Many major manufacturers do not include them or may include a warning for one allergen and not another.

Their absence does not mean the product is safe from your allergen!

Because of the these exceptions, the label *can* warn you when a product is *not safe* from your allergens, but it *can't* tell you the product *is safe* from your allergens. For that, you need to contact the manufacturer directly and ask.

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