# ALLERGENS

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### ON 10TH FEBRUARY 2016 AT HOLIDAY INN, STRATFORD UPON AVON CV37 6YR

SUMMARY Throughout our industry, whether it is food manufacturing, food service, retail or wholesale, we are still failing to identify and label allergens correctly resulting in numerous notifications of product recalls and withdrawals due to mis-labelling and identification of allergens in our food chain. So how can we understand our food chain better and how can we give our customers confidence in the food they are eating. This full day conference and exhibition will bring together some of our leading experts in the field of allergens and provide an insight into how we need to do things better. Whether you believe your company is complying or not this is a must attend conference to network with industry experts, meet companies providing solutions and reassurances.



#### **SPEAKERS INCLUDE:**

DR LISA ACKERLEY will share her findings and thoughts on how businesses have coped well or badly with the new (and old) legislation, giving practical examples of good practice as well as howlers. Her main message is that compliance can be simple - it is just a matter of common sense and organisation.

MICHAEL WALKER, a former Public Analyst, has his own consultancy company from which he acts as Consultant Referee Analyst in the Laboratory of the Government Chemist where he has a special interest in allergen analysis and was a Subject Matter Expert to the Elliott Review.

Michael will discuss food allergen analysis. interpretation of results and review a forensic investigation of an allergen sabotage incident in a food factory, the Eurofoods prosecution and the recent rescindment of cumin recalls in Canada and the UK.

**CHRIS WILKINSON** Trading Standards Officer / Team Leader for Salford City Council responsible for Food Standards enforcement will present on allergen labelling - what we need to know about labelling, labelling in practice, communicating the changes to consumers, regulation and enforcement and what training and guidance is available.

PETER LITTLETON Technical Director of Klenzan will discuss how validated and verified cleaning regimes are a useful weapon in the management of allergenic components in a food processing environment. Peter's presentation will review the techniques available as well as the appropriate assessment techniques and interpretation of results from factory based testing technologies.

HAZEL GOWLAND from Allergy Action will discuss 'Regulation, reactions and risk: protecting people with food allergies and intolerances'. The Food Information Regulation has now been enforceable throughout Europe for over a year. The importance of food integrity and the possibility of allergy risk from food crime are now recognised and being addressed. Evidence from clinical research is changing our understanding of how allergy works and how it may be prevented. Hazel's presentation provides an update on food allergy and some insight into current and future initiatives to protect those at risk.

JULIA PEPLER (BANKS), experienced allergen management practitioner and author of the risk assessment section in Campden Guide 71 will discuss how to use effective risk assessment to plan allergen controls in production environments. Common pitfalls in risk assessment approaches will be considered, as well as the unintended consequences of weak risk assessment - contamination risks leading to product recalls and customer or third party audit failures. Guidance will be provided on best practice approaches and how to judge the efficacy of factory floor allergen management plans.

#### PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY:

08:45 - 09:30 RECEPTION AND EXHIBITION

09:30 - 09:35 SOFHT Introduction

#### MORNING SESSIONS:

09:35 - 10:00 Chris Wilkinson

10:00 - 10:50 Peter Littleton

10:50 - 11:15

MORNING BREAK AND EXHIBITION

11:15 - 11:55 Julia Pepler

11:55 - 12:30 Michael Walker

12.30 - 13.45

**LUNCH AND EXHIBITION** 

# AFTERNOON SESSIONS:

13:45 - 14:45 Hazel Gowland

14:45 – 15:45 Dr Lisa Ackerley

15:45 - 16:15 ROUNDUP AND CLOSE

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