

# Food Labeling Act

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Act No. 70 of June 28, 2013

Stipulates that food allergen labeling standards be established

- **Food Labeling Standards**

Cabinet Office Ordinance

No. 10 of March 20, 2015

Specified “Specific allergenic ingredients”

- **Guidance on food labeling standards**

Notification from the Consumer Affairs Agency

No. 139 of March 30, 2015

Appendix: Labeling of Food Allergens

Specified “Subspecific allergenic ingredients”

# Specific/Subspecific Allergenic Ingredients

- Specific allergenic ingredients (n = 7)  
Mandatory labeling (Cabinet Office ordinance)  
egg, milk, wheat, buckwheat, peanut, shrimp/prawn, and crab
- Subspecific allergenic ingredients (n = 21)  
Recommended labeling  
(notification from the Consumer Affairs Agency)
  - soybean, almond, cashew nut, walnut, sesame seed
  - apple, banana, kiwifruit, orange, peach
  - abalone, mackerel, salmon, salmon roe, squid
  - beef, chicken, pork
  - matsutake mushroom, yam, gelatin

# Detection Methods for Food Allergens in Processed Food

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Screening test : ELISA (quantitative analysis)

→ 10  $\mu\text{g}$  protein/g food (the corresponding allergen  
soluble protein weight/ food weight) is a threshold to  
monitor food allergy labeling

Confirmation test:

Western blotting (for egg and milk)

PCR (for wheat, buckwheat, peanut, shrimp, and crab)

# Outline of the Practical Test to Monitor the Allergen Labeling

Investigation of food allergy labeling



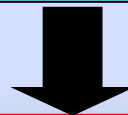
Quantitative analyses using two kinds of ELISA kits for each allergenic ingredient



Investigation of manufacturing records



In cases with unclear manufacturing records, a confirmation test using Western blotting (for egg and milk) or PCR (for wheat, buckwheat, peanut, shrimp or crab) should be performed.



If necessary, administrative guidance on correcting the labeling is issued.