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Strengthening Food Allergen Labelling protects Canadians: Kramp

Belleville, Ontario – Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings applauded yesterday's announcement by the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health to strengthen Canada's labeling of food allergens and gluten sources.

"Canadians who suffer from food sensitivities, allergies and celiac disease need to know what's in the food they are buying", said Mr. Kramp. "These new labeling regulations will help them make more informed and safe choices."

It is estimated that approximately five to six per cent of young children and three to four per cent of adults suffer from food allergies. Nearly one percent of the Canadian population is affected by celiac disease, for whom the consumption of foods containing gluten can lead to complications.

The new regulations require that the labels on foods provide clearer language and the declaration of otherwise "hidden" allergens, gluten sources and sulphites.

The coming into force date for the first phase of the regulations is set for August 4, 2012.

Please visit Health Canada's website for details on the final regulatory amendments on labelling regulations for food allergens, gluten sources and added sulphites (http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/label-etiquet/allergen/project_1220_rias_eeir-eng.php).

To subscribe to receive email notifications for all allergy alerts, visit the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's recall page (<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/util/listserv/listsube.shtml>)

For more information on food allergies, food intolerances, and celiac disease, please visit:

[Health Canada's Food Allergy and Intolerances Page \(www.healthcanada.gc.ca/foodallergies \)](http://www.healthcanada.gc.ca/foodallergies)

[Health Canada's Allergen Labelling Page \(http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/label-etiquet/allergen/index-eng.php\)](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/label-etiquet/allergen/index-eng.php)

[Health Canada's Celiac Disease Page \(www.healthcanada.gc.ca/ceciac \)](http://www.healthcanada.gc.ca/ceciac)

CFIA's Food Allergens Page (<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/labeti/allerg/allerge.shtml>)