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Important Allergy Alert - Information from the Food Standards Agency

We would like to inform you about a recent update from the Food Standards Agency (FSA), advising those with peanut allergies to exercise caution when consuming products that include mustard, mustard powder, or mustard flour. These mustard-based ingredients may have been contaminated with peanuts. Such ingredients can commonly be found in dips, sauces, pre-made salads, pasta, curries, cakes, custards, and sandwiches.

The FSA is actively investigating to identify specific products potentially impacted by this contamination. They have traced the contaminated mustard ingredients to a producer in India and identified one company that supplied these ingredients for use in UK food. There is no evidence that other suppliers are affected so far. Updated information, when available, can be found on the FSA website.

Due to the serious nature of peanut allergies, we want to ensure that our parents, guardians, schools and staff are aware of this issue. While none of our suppliers have issued any recalls at this time, we encourage anyone with a peanut allergy to remain vigilant and avoid any products containing mustard until further notice, as this is a developing situation and updates from the FSA may lead to changes.

In the meantime, we advise all customers with a peanut allergy to talk to their Catering Manager if unsure about any meals or products. Our staff members are fully trained to assist with any allergen-related queries on-site.

The safety of our customers is a top priority for everyone at Aspens. We apologise for any worry or inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding during this time.

Stuart Lenton
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