Food allergen awareness and control in catering handbook

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The following updates have been made to the 4th edition of this publication.

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General	The Food Standards Agency has updated its guidance for allergens. These changes have been implemented in the 4th edition of this publication. Further information can be found here: Allergen guidance for food businesses | Food Standards Agency
5	The allergen information and associated graphics have been updated in line with the latest Food Standards Agency guidance. Specifically, the term 'Nuts' has been revised to 'Tree nuts'.
9	Allergen chart: This has been updated as follows: 'Nuts' has been updated to 'Tree nuts'.

11	**Pre-packed for direct sale** Additional information has been added as follows: • ensure written information is readily available and that customers are informed of where to find it, for example on a menu, a board or a label.
12	**Front-of-house controls** The following information has been updated to: • Communication between customers and key personnel should be clear, both verbally and in writing
15	**Menus** The following information has been added: • Ensure written allergen information is available, if possible without customers having to ask, for example on the main menu or matrix displayed on a wall.
18	**Allergen policy** The following information has been added: Written allergen information should be provided to the customer before they order and again when their food is delivered. This could be on the main menu or easily accessible on a website.
21	**Appendix (ii) – The allergens** The images have been updated and 'NUTS' has been updated to 'Tree NUTS'
24	**Other publications** The following publication has been added to the list: • Allergen Information for Non-Prepacked Food from the Food Standards Agency

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