

## **Client Statement – RE Food Standards Authority Mustard Statement**

In light of the recent Urgent Food Standards Authority Statement [Urgent Allergy Advice: Mustard Ingredients Contaminated with Peanuts | Food Standards Agency](#) regarding the advice that all people with a Peanut Allergy should avoid any product that now contains Mustard, Aspens are issuing updated guidance to outline how we are managing this issue and ensuring the safety of our clients.

While we believe the risk to our business is low and that our existing safety protocols are robust, we want to reassure you by detailing the steps we are taking to mitigate any potential risks.

### **Steps Taken:**

- We have identified all ingredients in our supply chain that contain mustard.
- None of the recipes in our Primary Core Menus include mustard.
- We have informed all units and catering managers of this advisory.
- A customer-facing document advising those with peanut allergies to avoid mustard has been distributed to all units and placed on service counters.
- We have compiled and shared a list of mustard-containing ingredients across our supply chain with all units.
- Our standard robust procedures for manually completing daily allergen matrices for all cooked dishes remain in place.

Additionally, we have consulted Worcestershire Environmental Health Officers (EHO) through our Primary Authority Partnership for further advice and updates.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide updates in line with government guidelines.

The safety of the children we feed remains, and will always be, our top priority.