

How to read a Label for a SHELLFISH-FREE or WHEAT-FREE Diet

All FDA-regulated manufactured food products that contain shellfish or wheat as an ingredient are required by U.S. law to list the word "shellfish" or "wheat" on the product label.

SHELLFISH

Avoid foods that contain shellfish or any of these ingredients:

crab

crawfish (crayfish, ecrevisse) lobster (langouste, langoustine, scampo, coral, tomalley) prawn shrimp (crevette)

Mollusks are not considered major allergens under food labeling laws and may not be fully disclosed on a product label.

Your doctor may advise you to avoid mollusks or these ingredients:

abalone

clams (cherrystone, littleneck, pismo, quahog) cockle (periwinkle, sea urchin)

mussels

octopus

oysters

snails (escargot)

squid (calamari)

Shellfish are sometimes found in the following:

bouillabaisse cuttlefish ink fish stock seafood flavoring (e.g., crab or calm extract) **Keep in mind:**

- Any food served in a seafood restaurant may contain shellfish protein due to cross-contact.
- For some individuals, a reaction may occur from inhaling cooking vapors or fraom handling fish or shellfish.

WHEAT

Avoid foods that contain wheat or any of these ingredients:

bread crumbs

bulgur

cereal extract

club wheat

couscous

cracker meal

durum einkorn

farina

flour (all purpose, bread, cake, durum, enriched graham, high gluten, high protein, instant, pastry, self-rising, soft wheat, steel ground, stone ground,

whole wheat)

hydrolyzed wheat protein

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matzoh, matzoh meal (also spelled as

matzo, matzah, or matza)

pasta

seitan

semolina

spelt

sprouted wheat

triticale

vital wheat gluten

wheat (bran, durum, germ, gluten, grass,

malt, sprouts, starch)

wheat bran hydrolysate wheat germ oil wheat grass wheat protein isolate whole wheat berries

Wheat is sometimes found in the following:

glucose syrup

soy sauce

starch (gelatinized starch, modified starch, modified food starch, vegetable starch) surimi

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