

## 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) cockles (periwinkle, sea urchin)

mussels

octopus

oysters

snails (escargot)

squid (calamari)

#### Shellfish are sometimes found in the following:

bouillabaisse cuttlefish ink fish stock

hydrolyzed wheat protein

seafood flavoring (e.g., crab or clam 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 from 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

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)

Kamut<sup>®</sup> 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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