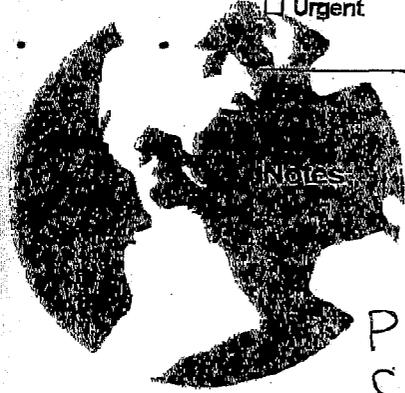


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**The Challenge of Labeling Food Allergens**

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**Request to present oral comments at  
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- 1. The importance of the FDA currently modifying the definition of high risk food to include foods susceptible to contamination with allergenic ingredients.**
- 2. Labeling issues concerning "May contain peanuts or nuts" or "made on share equipment"**
- 3. Need for manufacturers to devote more production lines to Peanut and Nut Free production.**
- 4. Labeling of ingredients exempted from declaration. (i.e. incidental additives and spices) particularly celery, celery seed, celery salt, worchester sauce (containing anchovy) and natural rubber latex.**
- 5. Concerns of current labeling of gloves made of the approved "indirect food additive" allergen, natural rubber latex, used in food handling.**
- 6. Placement of ingredient list on packaging.**
- 7. Lack of labeling of ingredients on smaller "holiday" packaging of foods.**

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