

# Glossary - PPDS evaluation

Technical term	Definition
Coeliac disease	An autoimmune disease where eating gluten causes the immune system to begin attacking the sufferer's own bodily tissues in the gut. This can cause diarrhoea, weight loss, fatigue, bloating, and anaemia.
Food Business Operator (FBO)	The natural or legal persons responsible for ensuring that the requirements of food law are met within the food business under their control. FBOs were surveyed and interviewed for this study.
Food hypersensitivity	Eating certain foods or additives can lead to a bad physical reaction in some people. This food hypersensitivity can involve the immune system, in which case it is called a food allergy. Food hypersensitivity is the term used to encompass a food allergy, intolerance or coeliac disease.
Local Authority (LA)	The local organisation that is responsible for providing public services and facilities for a geographical area; a local council.
Non-prepacked food	These are foods that do not fall into the definition of pre-packed foods – they are sold unpackaged to customers or packaged on the sale premises only at the customer's request. They are also referred to as loose foods. For example, loose fruits at a greengrocer's or a meal in a restaurant.
Precautionary Allergen Labelling (PAL)	Food labelling that provides information about the potential presence of allergens that may unintentionally appear in food as a result of cross-contamination. This kind of labelling is currently not legislated but is done voluntarily by food producers.
Pre-packed foods	These are foods that are manufactured and packaged before being transported to outlets to be sold. For example, a packet of dried pasta on a supermarket shelf.
Pre-Packed for Direct Sale (PPDS)	Foods made and packed on the same premises as they are being sold before being offered for sale to customers. This could include, for example, cakes, pies and sandwiches which are made and packaged at the same premises from which they sold. Since 1 October 2021, it is a legal requirement for PPDS foods to clearly display the name of the food and a full ingredients list with allergens emphasised on packaging/labelling.