



June 23, 2022

Re: Sesame Seeds

To Whom It May Concern:

Under the Food Allergy Safety, Treatment, Education and Research or FASTER Act of 2021, the FDA announced the addition of sesame as the 9th major food allergen in the United States and will become effective on January 1, 2023.

Rotella's Italian Bakery, Inc. has an established, verified, and validated Allergen Program that consists of several steps in place to mitigate the risk of cross-contamination of allergen containing ingredients including minimized shared equipment, scheduling of allergen runs, a color-coding system for tools & utensils, and allergen cleaning practices after each run.

However, Rotella's does produce products on certain shared equipment where sesame has been used. Due to the possibility of cross-contact of sesame on food contact surfaces and in an abundance of caution, Rotella's has chosen to place a precautionary label statement of "May Contain Sesame" on all products that do not already have sesame listed as an ingredient and called out as an allergen on the contains statement.

If you should have any further questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Nicole Rodriguez

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