

Question to Shaklee Medical Affairs

We know that Shaklee has many gluten-free products, but Jill has a potential customer who is highly allergic (will stop breathing) if she has any gluten whatsoever. She said that the FDA still allows a company to say that something is gluten-free if it has 20 ppm or less of gluten in it. She can have 0%. Do you know if Shaklee's gluten-free products are 100% gluten-free or if they contain traces of it?

Thank you so much!

Francine

Answer from Shaklee

All of our products are produced under GMP guidelines that required washing and sanitation of equipment between production runs of products that have different ingredients, and the products that we claim as gluten free have been tested to ensure that they are gluten free. For gluten testing we utilize the R-Biopharm Ridascreen ELISA method that has been proposed for use by the FDA. This is also the method used by the University of Nebraska's Food Allergy Research and Resource Program (FARRP) laboratory. The FARRP laboratory is the one that the Celiac Sprue Association contracts with to conduct testing for their certification program. The detection limit for this method is 5ppm, well below FDA's proposed limit of 20ppm.

We currently have screened all of our products for gluten using this method. All products labeled "gluten-free" have tested below the 5ppm detection limit.

We hope this is helpful, Barb. Let us know if you have further questions.

Best wishes,
Shaklee Medical Affairs