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Product Information Form V6

Update for the Food Industry

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

WEBINAR OVERVIEW

Topic	Who
Overview of changes for PIF V6 release 6.1	Fiona Fleming
Rollout of the changes – process & timing	Fiona Fleming & Vendors
PIF resources & support	Fiona Fleming
Q & A	Geoffrey to moderate

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PIF V6 refresh

What is a PIF/ePIF

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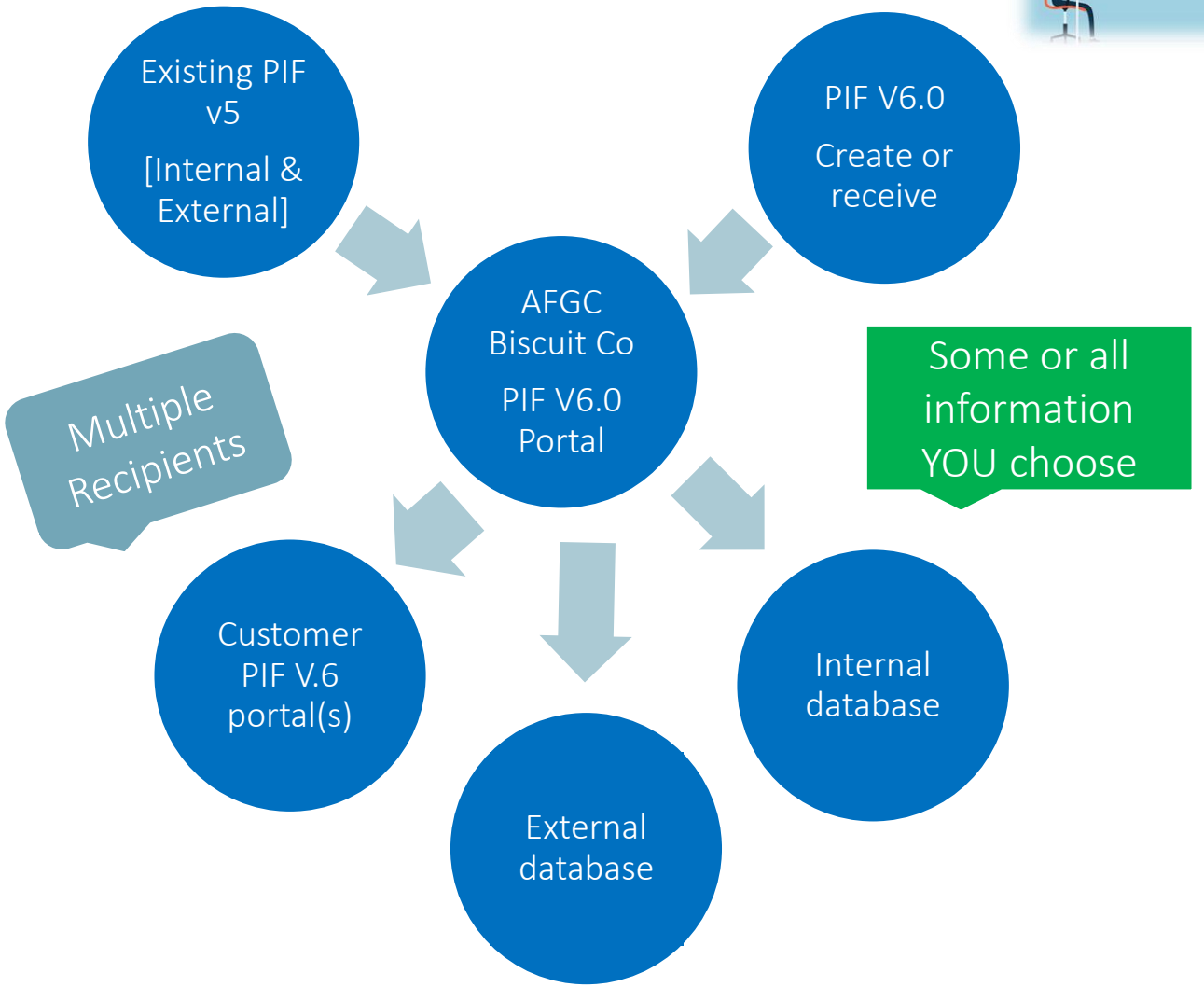
What is a PIF/ePIF?

PIF Exchange:

- ✓ Your choice
- ✓ You control



Why should my business use a PIF/ePIF V6?

- ✓One true source
- ✓A highly secure repository of compliance information
- ✓Accessible by multiple authorised staff
- ✓Records searchable by multiple attributes
- ✓A highly secure electronic method of exchanging PIF information
- ✓Process improvements, reducing duplication and errors.

Why should my business use a PIF/ePIF V6?

- ✓Latest version of information – PIF system and company information
- ✓Electronic exchange of data
- ✓Traceability of information – sent and received
- ✓Reduces business risk
- ✓Australian industry standard format
- ✓PIF covers off all required information in one place

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OVERVIEW OF CHANGES

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Principles for changes

Understand change request:

- What it is
- Why it needs to happen
- How it will be achieved
- Impact on current PIF V6 structure (Data Dictionary)
- Impact on current portals
- Urgency

Naming: PIF V6 – release 6.1

Overview of changes

PIF V6 Section	Change	Impact on current portal data
Section 3 – Allergens	Updated allergen type, allergen subtype, labelling exemption dropdown lists to reflect PEAL changes	Yes
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Section 10 – Potential Safety Hazards	A Dangerous Good or a Hazardous Good? Added a dropdown list to choose 'Dangerous or Hazardous'	Yes
Section 11 - Product Packaging	Is packaging clear to assist with monitoring potential product contamination? Y/N Previously stated clear or coloured	Yes
Section 15 - Statements tab	Updated statements for cross contact allergens Precautionary allergen statement added	Yes

Overview of changes - allergens

Does this meet the GF criteria in Schedule 4 - no oats, no malted cereals, must not contain detectable gluten? (Y/N)

Is there an exemption in the ANZ Food Standards Code Schedule 9 for this? (Y/N)

If yes, as sufficient evidence is available to validate the removal, allergen labelling of the substrate/feedstock in association with this product is required

If yes for cereals containing gluten & wheat	Proportion (%)		Process	Substrate or Feedstock?
Has processing rendered this gluten free - no detectable gluten? (Y/N)	Derivative in product	Protein in derivative	Is allergenic protein is removed? (Y/N)	Is the allergen a substrate or feedstock in a metabolic process which results in this product? (Y/N)
Has processing rendered this free of wheat proteins? (Y/N)				If yes, are the allergenic proteins fully removed or metabolised during production? (Y/N)
				If yes, allergen labelling of substrate/feedstock in association with this product is not required.
				If no, allergen labelling of substrate/feedstock in association with this product is required.

If no, as sufficient evidence is not available to validate the removal, allergen labelling of the substrate/feedstock in association with this product is required.

Is there an exemption in the ANZ Food Standards Code Schedule 9 for this wheat based material? (Y/N)

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Roll out of Changes

Rollout of changes

- Data Dictionary for release 6.1 currently being reviewed by the Vendors

- Aim to finalise early in the New Year

- Implementation Q1, 2022

Change Request Process

1. The change requester completes the PIF Enhancement Request Form and sends it to AFGC (PIF@afgc.org.au).
2. The Enhancement is logged in the PIF Change Request Register.
3. The change request is reviewed by the PIF Manager and if more information is required the form is sent back to the requester. The request may also be sent to the PIF Implementation Group and PIF Vendors to gain their input/advice.
4. The change required is then costed.
5. If the change and funding are approved, the Data Dictionary is updated and changes logged as complete in the register.
6. The enhancements accumulate in the PIF Data Dictionary until AFGC decides to issue an updated version to the vendors.

Approval of the change is the responsibility of the AFGC, managed by the PIF Manager

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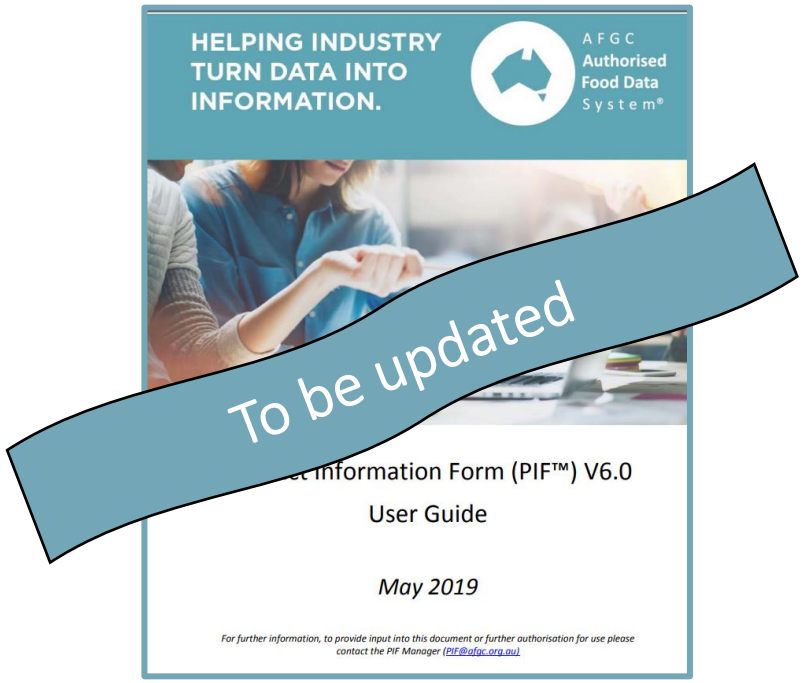
PIF RESOURCES & SUPPORT

AFGC PIF V6 - SUPPORT



PIF Implementation Group:

- Implementation Roadmap
- Provide advice on improvements
- Agree on priorities
- Promote use and benefits of PIF V6

PIF V6.0 Support materials:

- User Guide
- Regulatory Map – updated – November 2021
- Q&A – currently being updated
- Webinars – links on the AFGC website

Email & phone support

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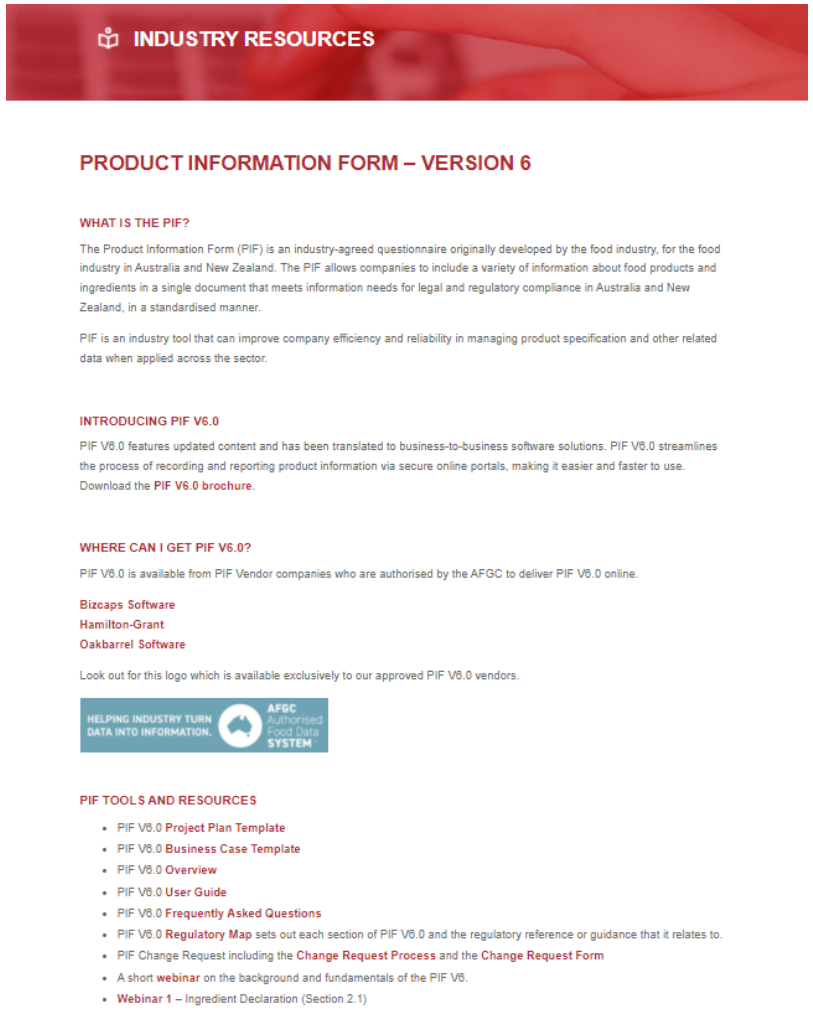

INDUSTRY RESOURCES

PRODUCT INFORMATION FORM – VERSION 6

WHAT IS THE PIF?

The Product Information Form (PIF) is an industry-agreed questionnaire originally developed by the food industry, for the food industry in Australia and New Zealand. The PIF allows companies to include a variety of information about food products and ingredients in a single document that meets information needs for legal and regulatory compliance in Australia and New Zealand, in a standardised manner.

PIF is an industry tool that can improve company efficiency and reliability in managing product specification and other related data when applied across the sector.

INTRODUCING PIF V6.0

PIF V6.0 features updated content and has been translated to business-to-business software solutions. PIF V6.0 streamlines the process of recording and reporting product information via secure online portals, making it easier and faster to use. Download the PIF V6.0 brochure.

WHERE CAN I GET PIF V6.0?

PIF V6.0 is available from PIF Vendor companies who are authorised by the AFGC to deliver PIF V6.0 online.

Bizcaps Software
Hamilton-Grant
Oakbarrel Software

Look out for this logo which is available exclusively to our approved PIF V6.0 vendors.

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PIF TOOLS AND RESOURCES

- PIF V6.0 Project Plan Template
- PIF V6.0 Business Case Template
- PIF V6.0 Overview
- PIF V6.0 User Guide
- PIF V6.0 Frequently Asked Questions
- PIF V6.0 Regulatory Map sets out each section of PIF V6.0 and the regulatory reference or guidance that it relates to.
- PIF Change Request including the Change Request Process and the Change Request Form
- A short webinar on the background and fundamentals of the PIF V6.
- Webinar 1 – Ingredient Declaration (Section 2.1)

Periodic updates

- Based on user feedback and change requests

Workshops and training

Vendor Technical Group

- Exchange Information
- Implement agreed changes to functionality
- Technical solutions

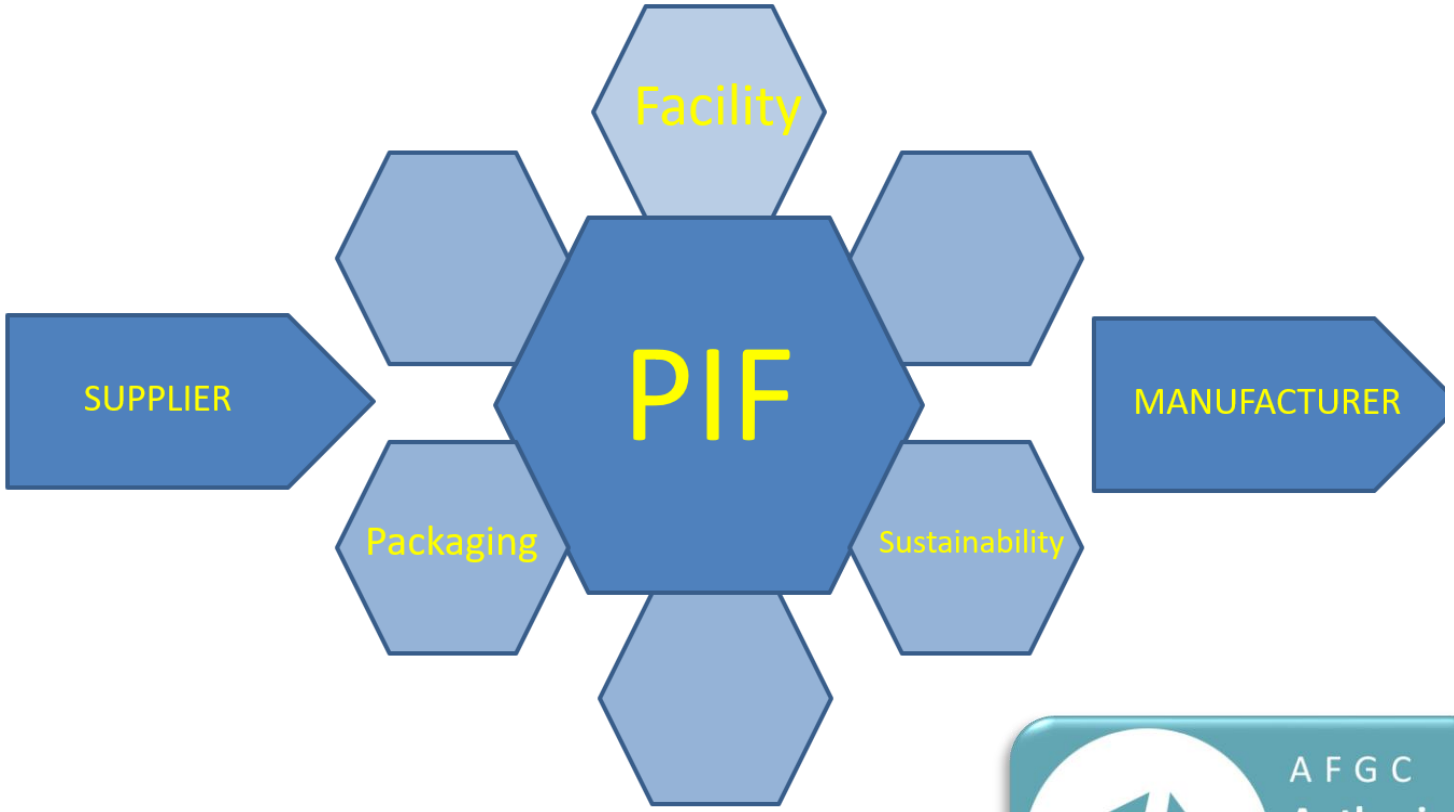
PIF V6.0 Support

Website

Email

PIF V6 Directory

PIF – the Future



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