

HELPING INDUSTRY TURN DATA INTO INFORMATION.



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Authorised
Food Data
System®



Introducing the AFGC Authorised Food Data System – the home of PIF™ V6.0 and just the beginning of the tools AFGC are developing to help industry turn data into information.

PIF V6.0 IS THE FIRST TOOL IN THE AFGC AUTHORISED FOOD DATA SYSTEM PORTFOLIO.

The AFGC has also commenced work on the development of a complementary Facility Information Form (FIF) and a Packaging Specification System (PaSS). Both of these initiatives will run off the same platform as the PIF, further streamlining the communication of necessary information and data through the supply chain.

What is the Product Information Form (PIF)?

The PIF is a tool developed by the food industry in Australia and New Zealand to obtain and share information needed to meet obligations under regulatory requirements and industry codes in regard to food ingredients and finished products in a consistent and standardised manner.

What is new in PIF V6.0?

PIF V6.0 features updated content and is being translated to business-to-business software solutions to replace the current stand-alone Excel spreadsheet. PIF V6.0 has been developed to streamline the process of recording and reporting product information via secure online portals, making it easier and faster to use.

PIF V6.0 is no longer a “one size fits all” and will feature options for:

- Samples
- Flavours
- Ingredients, and
- Retail Ready products.

Each of these variations provide differing levels of detail.

The content covered by PIF V6.0 retains and builds on PIF v5 and includes:

- Ingredient declaration breakdown
- Country of Origin to meet the new requirements which come into effect in July 2018
- Allergen and food safety declarations – including ANZ and International allergens and information to support VITAL®
- Pre-market clearance – genetically modified and novel foods
- Quarantine and biosecurity
- Nutrition Information
- Nutrition, health and related claims
- Front of pack labelling - Health Star Rating Labelling and Daily Intake (both voluntary)
- Certification and Endorsement information
- Shelf life
- Traceability information
- Measurement marking
- Potential safety hazards, and
- Packaging.

What is PIF online or ePIF™?

PIF online or ePIF is the new way to access, complete and share information held in PIF V6.0.

Instead of completing the Excel spreadsheet you will log on to one of the online portals and enter the information directly into the portal of your choice.

A PIF portal is software that will be offered by a number of Authorised Vendors, which will enable the online compilation, storage and transmission of PIFs. The portal will take your PIF data send it out when and to whom you decide to send it and receive PIFs from your suppliers.

Improving your business - what are the benefits of PIF V6.0?

PIF V6.0 streamlines the process of recording and reporting product information, making it easier and faster to use. Information will be exchanged digitally, so there will no longer be a need to retype information – meaning less opportunity for inadvertent transcription errors to creep into the data.

Furthermore, information stored in a company's PIF portal may be searchable (depending on the level of access), enabling much better use of data than is possible with the current standalone, Excel PIFs.

Finally, PIF V6.0 has been updated to account for the revised Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code, which came into effect on 1 March 2016 and the Country of Origin labelling requirements, which come into effect in July 2018. PIF V6.0 also has a new section for Nutrition, health and related claims which include Health Star Ratings.

More information

More information and access to the latest information on the PIF are available from the AFGC website <https://www.afgc.org.au/our-expertise/legal-and-regulatory-affairs/product-information-form-v6/> or by sending an email to PIF@afgc.org.au.