

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 9382

To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to add alpha-gal to the definition of “major food allergen”.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 16, 2024

Mr. VAN DREW introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Alpha-gal Allergen In-  
5 clusion Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADDING ALPHA-GAL TO DEFINITION OF “MAJOR**  
7 **FOOD ALLERGEN”.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 201(qq) of the Federal  
9 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321(qq)) is  
10 amended by adding at the end the following:

1           “(3)(i) Galactose-alpha-1,3-galactose (com-  
2           monly known as ‘alpha-gal’).

3           “(ii) For purposes of this subparagraph,  
4           the term ‘galactose-alpha-1,3-galactose’ in-  
5           cludes—

6                   “(I) ingredients derived from non-  
7                   catarrhine primate mammals; and

8                   “(II) red algae in the order  
9                   Gigartinales.

10           “(iii) For purposes of this subparagraph,  
11           the term ‘galactose-alpha-1,3-galactose’ does  
12           not include mammal-derived ingredients for  
13           which the Secretary determines there is no ga-  
14           lactose-alpha-1,3-galactose above an established,  
15           detectable limit (such as ingredients made from  
16           alpha-gal-knockout mammals).”.

17           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
18           subsection (a) shall apply beginning on January 1, 2026.

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