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1. **Assessment Report Number:** Proposal 3105
2. **Assessment Report Title:** Gluten claims about food containing alcohol
3. **Organisation Name:** None
4. **Organisation Type:** Individual
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12. **Submission Text:** I support the introduction of this proposal to amend Standard 1.2.7 so that nutrition content claims about gluten content in relation to food containing more than 1.15% alcohol by volume continue to be permitted after January 2016. I am a medically diagnosed coeliac, and I am totally compliant in terms of following a gluten free diet. If this amendment is not made, from January 2016 it will not be possible to make a fully informed decision about the safety of any food containing 1.15% or more of alcohol. Placing alcohol outside the criteria required for other food and beverage would create an anomaly, and possibly therefore create more confusion around labelling of gluten content in general. Even within existing regulations, it can be a challenge for coeliacs to identify safe food and beverages. If this proposal does not proceed, the challenges would only increase, and coeliacs would become less able to make fully informed decisions, which place us at risk of accidental ingestion of gluten. Such incidents of contamination can – and in my case do - cause significant difficulties in terms of impact on health and wellbeing, sometimes for several days after the ingestion. This can affect all aspects of day-to-day life, including the ability to work.

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