

MEMBER BRIEF

ANNUAL FOOD AND GROCERY CODE OF CONDUCT SURVEY REPORT

Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC) conducts an annual survey of members to understand the issues between retailers and suppliers with regards the Food and Grocery Code of Conduct.

BACKGROUND

The FGCC's purpose is to improve working relationships between suppliers and retailers, and ultimately increased efficiency right across the supermarket value chain.

The FGCC is a prescribed voluntary code under the Competition and Consumer Act. Retailers, About Life, Aldi, Coles and Woolworths become signatories in 2015 and have a 12 months transition period in which to offer suppliers updated Grocery Supply Agreements that are compliant to the FGCC. This survey was conducted during this transition period and this is reflected in the findings.

The attached document details the consolidated findings from the survey. The results indicate that headway is being made as retailers and suppliers come to terms with new ways of working under the safe guards of the FGCC. Much work still remains and it is essential that the AFGC has the opportunity to provide consolidated feedback on the processes to ensure alignment around the obligations within the FGCC.

AFGC ACTION

AFGC will communicate the findings of the survey to key trading partners and seek an opportunity to engage with each individually on the issues raised by members' specific to retail organisation.

MEMBER ACTION

Members are encouraged to read the attached report and consider the role of the FGCC in their dealings with trading partners. Members are also encouraged to review the material on the AFGC website and if they have not already done so undertake the FGCC training program. [Click here](#) for further details.

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