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Energy	199kJ 47kcal
Protein	0.5g
Carbohydrate	10.5g
of which sugars	10.5g
Fat	trace
of which saturates	trace
Fibre	trace



# WEBINAR SERIES – INTRODUCTION TO THE FOOD STANDARDS CODE

## WEBINAR 1: OVERVIEW OF THE FOOD STANDARDS CODE AND THE FOOD REGULATION SYSTEM

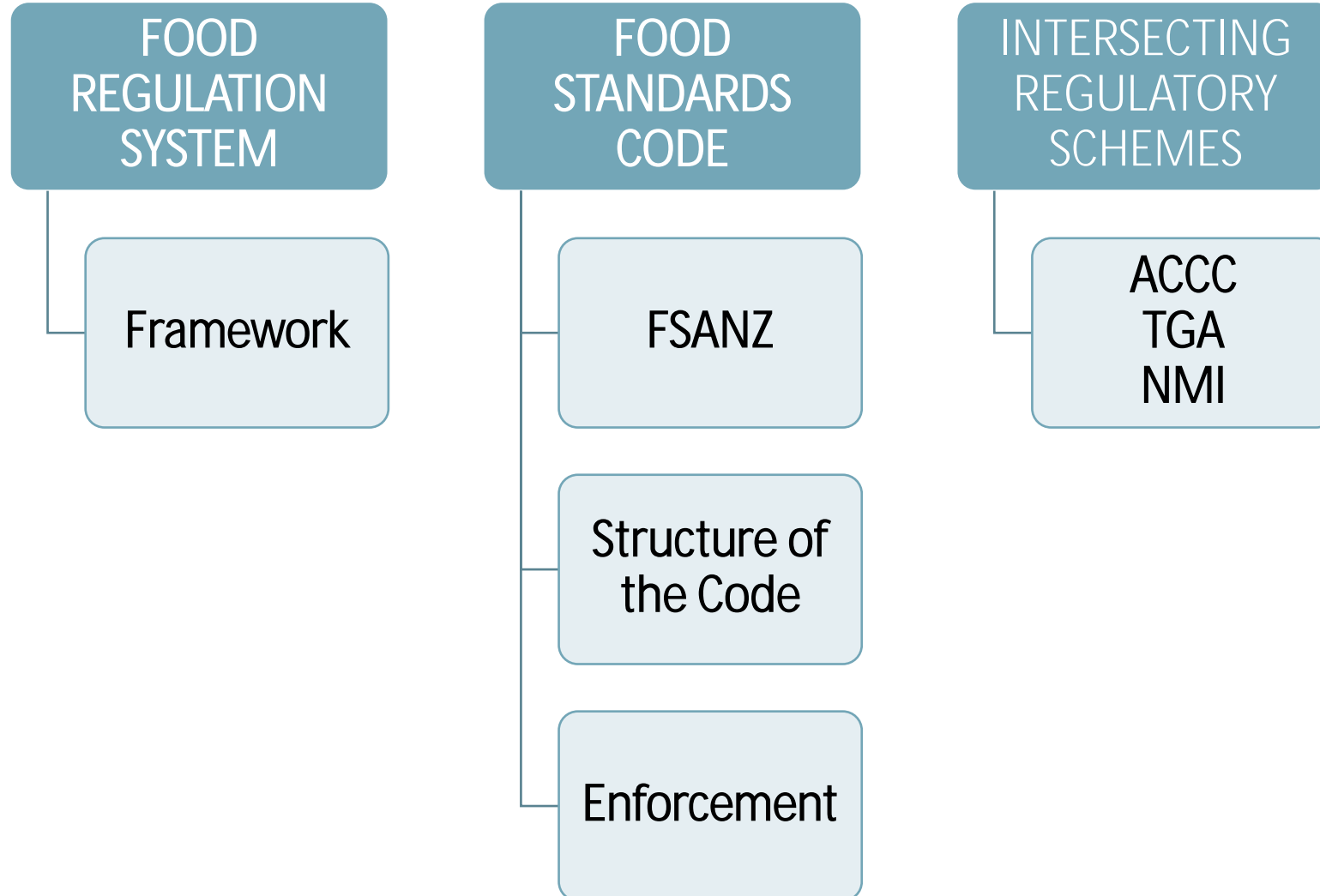
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*Regulatory Advisor, Scientific and Technical*



5 March 2025



# OVERVIEW





# WHY DO WE NEED A FOOD REGULATION SYSTEM ?

REGULATORY IMPACT  
PROCESSES





# BI-NATIONAL FOOD REGULATORY SYSTEM

REGULATORY IMPACT  
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# AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND FOOD REG SYSTEM

## Food Policy

- Food Ministers in Australia and New Zealand
- Food Regulation Standing Committee
- Implementation Subcommittee for Food Regulation

## Food Standards

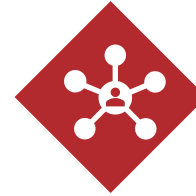
- Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)

## Enforcement

- State and territory regulatory agencies (Australia)
- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (**Imported food**)
- Ministry of Primary Industries (New Zealand)



## KEY INSTRUMENTS OF THE JOINT FOOD REGULATION SYSTEM



Food Regulation Agreement



Food Standards Treaty between Australia and New Zealand



Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991



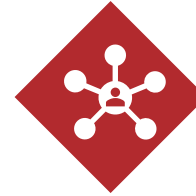
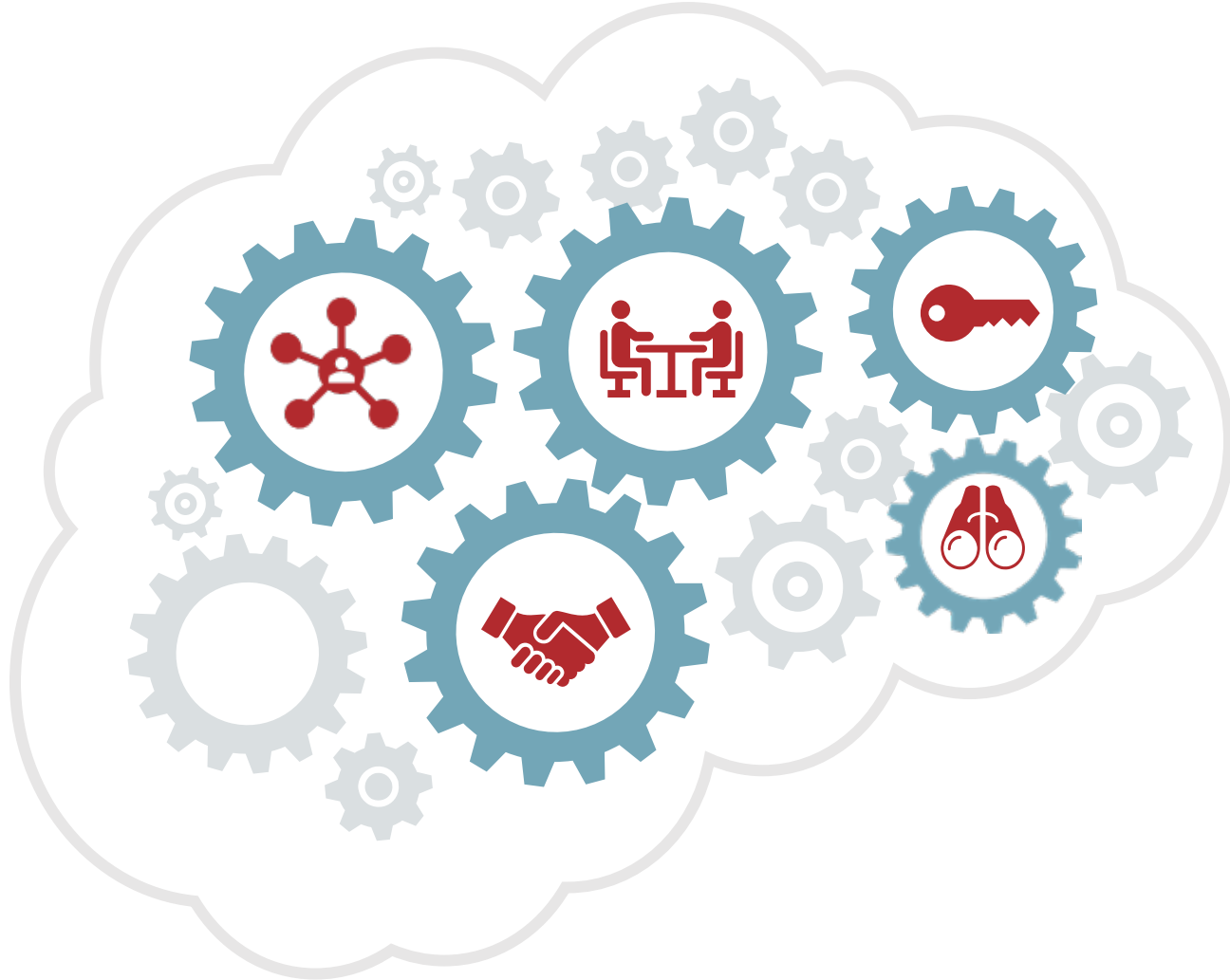
Food Standards Code



Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Arrangement



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# FOOD STANDARDS CODE





## WHO SETS THE FOOD STANDARDS ?



FSANZ is a statutory agency within the Australian Government Health portfolio

(RIA)

Develops and administers the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (the Code)

Based in Canberra and Wellington

The Code is a legislative instrument under the Legislation Act 2003



# STRUCTURE OF THE CODE

## Food Standards Code links to the Federal Register of Legislation

### Contents

REGULAT

[Chapter 1: Introduction and standards that apply to all foods](#)

[Chapter 2: Food standards](#)

[Chapter 3: Food safety standards \(Australia only\)](#)

[Chapter 4: Primary production standards \(Australia only\)](#)

[Schedules](#)

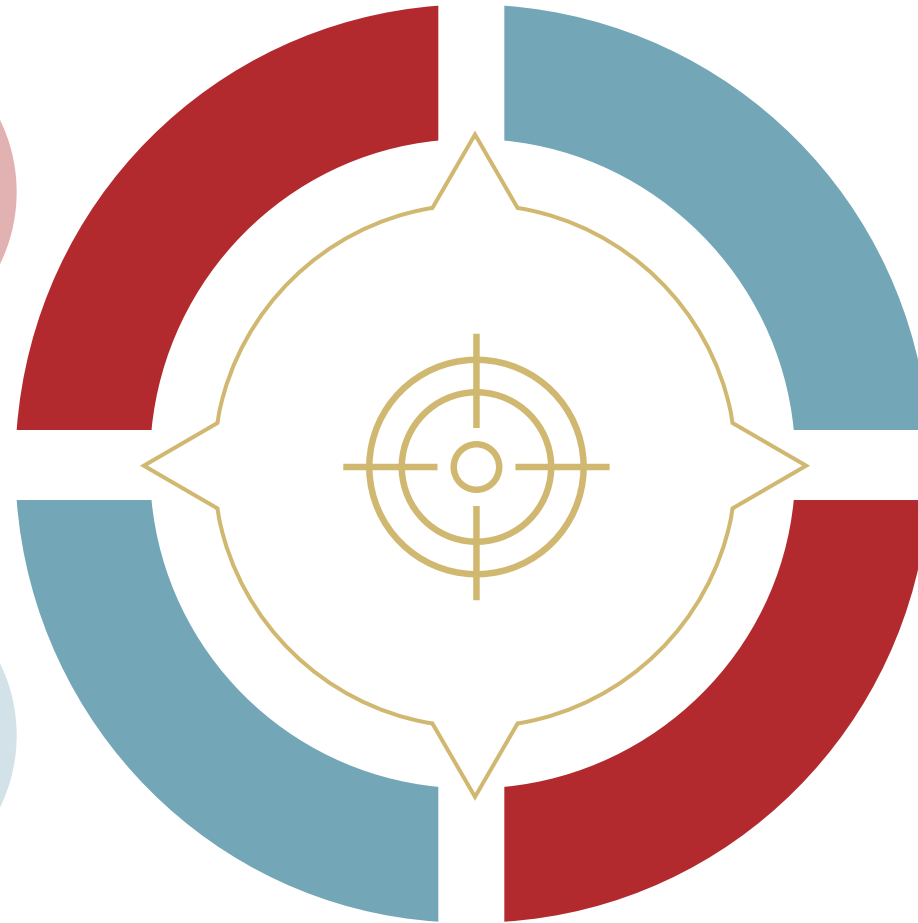
<https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/food-standards-code/legislation>



# STRUCTURE OF THE CODE

Chapter 1 - Introduction and standards that apply to all foods

Chapter 2 - Food standards for specific commodities



Chapter 3 - Food safety standards (Australia only)

Chapter 4 - Primary production standards (Australia only)



# CHAPTER 1 - LABELLING EXAMPLE



7. Date marking

1. Food identification

2. Ingredient list

9. Weights and measures

4. Allergens

5. Food additives

6. Nutrition Information Panel

3. Percentage labelling

1. Food identification -Manufacturer's name & address


8. Directions for use and storage

Image source:  
<https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-11/food%20label%20poster%20%281%29.pdf>



# ACCESSING THE STANDARDS

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/F2015L00392/latest/downloads>



Australian Government

## Federal Register of Legislation

Constitution Acts Legislative instruments Notifiable instruments Gazettes Administrative Arrangements Prerogative instruments Norfolk Island

1 Announcement

Home > Legislative instruments > In force

Text Details Authorises Downloads versions Interactions

## Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Standard 1.2.4 – Information requirements – statement of ingredients

In force

Administered by Department of Health and Aged Care

This item is authorised by the following title:

[Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991](#)

Latest version

F2021C00290 (C01)

25 February 2021



Downloads  
Access downloadable documents for version effective 25 February 2021

Legislative instrument

Word:  
1 Volume  
60 KB  
6 pages

PDF:  
1 Volume  
440 KB  
6 pages



# FOOD STANDARDS CODE COMPILATION PDF – FEB 2025





# CHANGING THE CODE

THE CODE CAN BE CHANGED THROUGH  
AN APPLICATION OR A PROPOSAL

APPLICATION :  
ANYONE



PROPOSAL :  
FSANZ

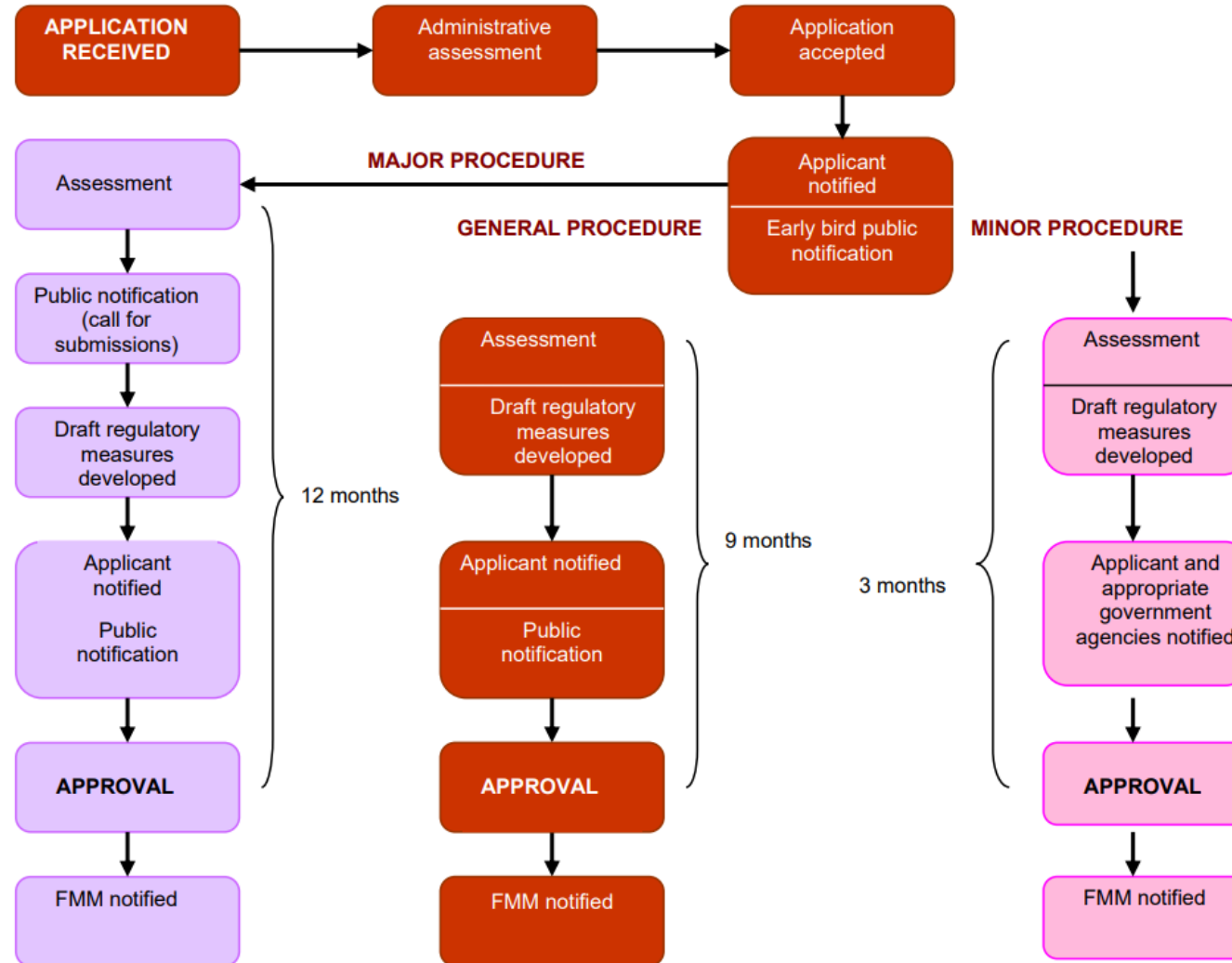


CONSULTATION :  
Call for Submission rounds





# APPLICATION ASSESSMENT PROCESS



REGULATORY





# CONSULTATION FOR APPLICATIONS AND PROPOSALS



## Consultation Hub

Welcome to the Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) Consultation Hub. This hub is a place for you to find and participate in consultations that interest you.

Recent consultations are displayed below or you can [search the full list of activities](#).

### Open consultations



#### [A1323 - Food derived from insect-protected soybean line COR23134](#)

FSANZ has assessed an application made by Corteva Agriscience Australia Proprietary Limited to amend the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to permit the sale and...



#### [P1056 - Caffeine review 2nd Call for Submissions](#)

FSANZ has prepared a proposal to review permissions for caffeine in sports foods and in the general food supply. FSANZ has prepared a draft food regulatory measure. ...

<https://consultations.foodstandards.gov.au/>



# CAFFEINE REVIEW PROPOSAL – CONSULATION NOW OPEN



[Home](#) [Find consultations](#) [About](#)

## P1056 - Caffeine review 2nd Call for Submissions

### Overview

**Closes 15 Apr 2025**

Opened 4 Mar 2025

REGULATOR

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FSANZ completed a first round of statutory public consultation on this work in December 2022. Following consideration of submitter feedback and, based on the available evidence and the reasons set out in this second call for submissions, FSANZ has revised its proposed approach and prepared a draft variation to the Code, which is at Attachment A to the call for submissions report.

#### Contact

[submissions@foodstandards.gov.au](mailto:submissions@foodstandards.gov.au)

FSANZ has provided [public notification](#) and welcomes your submission to assist with consideration of the proposal.



# FSANZ WORK PLAN



## Food Standards Work Plan –proposed standards development and variations to standards for applications and proposals

Information is current as of 21 January 2025

The Food Standards Work Plan provides visibility on the progress of applications and proposals to develop standards or variations to standards in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code. FSANZ is required to update this work plan at least every 3 months under the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* (FSANZ Act).

<https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/food-standards-code/changing-the-code/workplan>



# FSANZ WORK PLAN



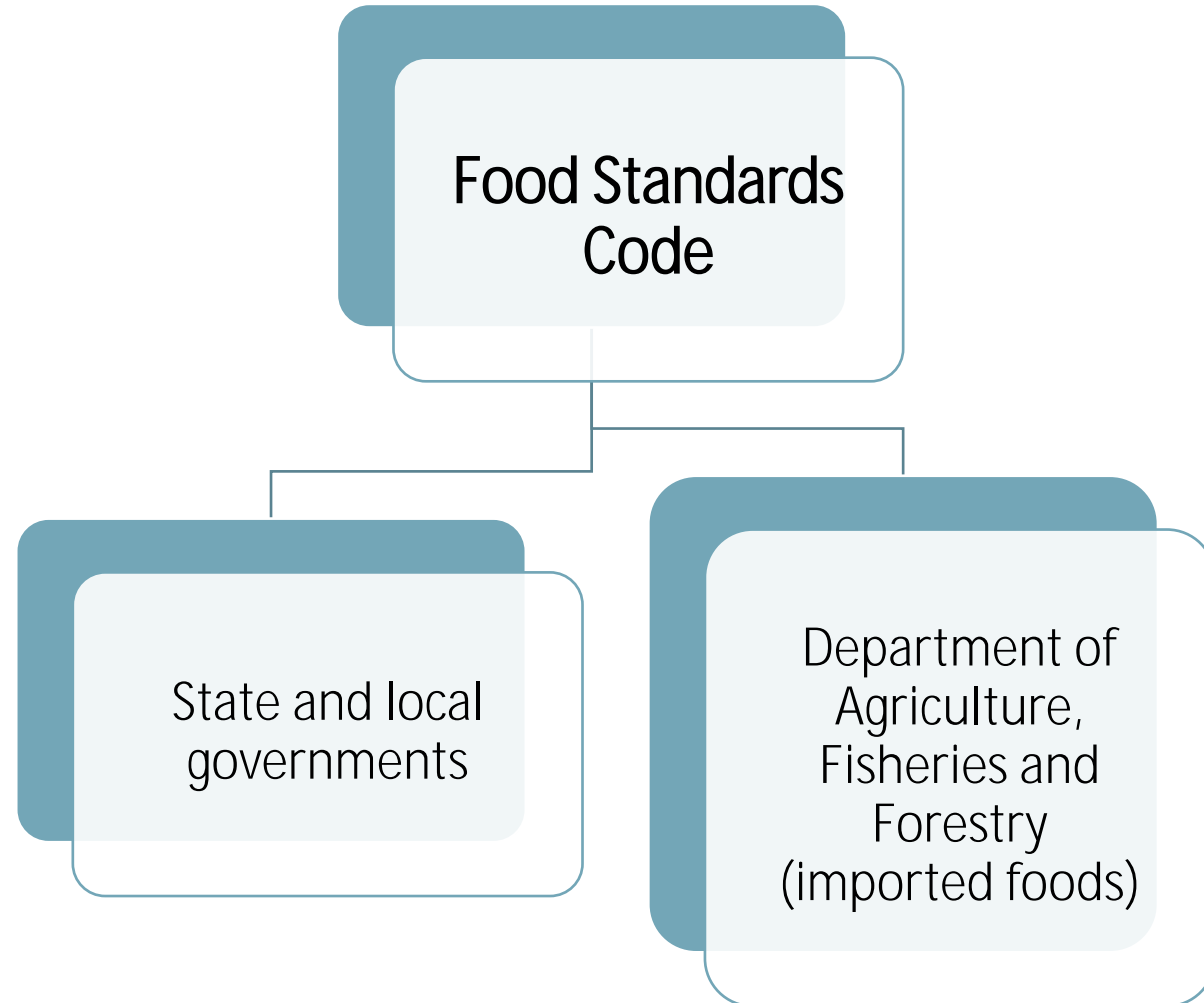
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Information is current as of 21 January 2025

Proposal	Administrative assessment	Stage in standards development process	Current date– once assessment commences	Completion date	Comments
<b>P1055</b> Definitions for gene technology and new breeding techniques.  <b>Description</b> To revise and update the definitions in the Code for 'food produced using gene technology' and 'gene technology' to make them clearer and to better reflect existing and emerging genetic technologies including new breeding techniques.	Proposal prepared.  Decision to prepare proposal: 20 February 2020	Commence assessment (clock start)	Late Feb 2020	28/02/2020	
		1 <sup>st</sup> Call for submissions	Early Oct – late Dec 2021	07/10/2021 – 03/12/2021	
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Call for submissions	Mid 2024	30/07/2024 – 10/09/2024	
		Board to complete Approval	Mid Jun 2025		
		Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	Late Jun 2025		
		Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Early Sep 2025		



## ENFORCEMENT OF THE CODE





# STATE/TERRITORY FOOD REG CONTACTS – FSANZ WEBSITE

## Food regulatory agencies

Published 29 August 2023

If you have a complaint about food quality, safety or contamination, or want information on food business permits or licenses, you will need to contact your local food regulatory agency. See contact details below.

New South Wales

### NSW Food Authority

Phone: 1300 552 406

Website: [www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au](http://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au)

Email: [food\\_contact@dpl.nsw.gov.au](mailto:food_contact@dpl.nsw.gov.au)



Australian Capital Territory

New South Wales

Northern Territory

Queensland

South Australia

Tasmania

Victoria

Western Australia

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

New Zealand

<https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/contact/food-regulatory-agencies>

# OTHER RELEVANT REGULATORY SCHEMES



# FOOD REGULATION AND A SELECTION OF KEY INTERSECTING REGULATORY SCHEMES







# FOOD-MEDICINE INTERFACE





# FOOD-MEDICINE INTERFACE GUIDANCE TOOL

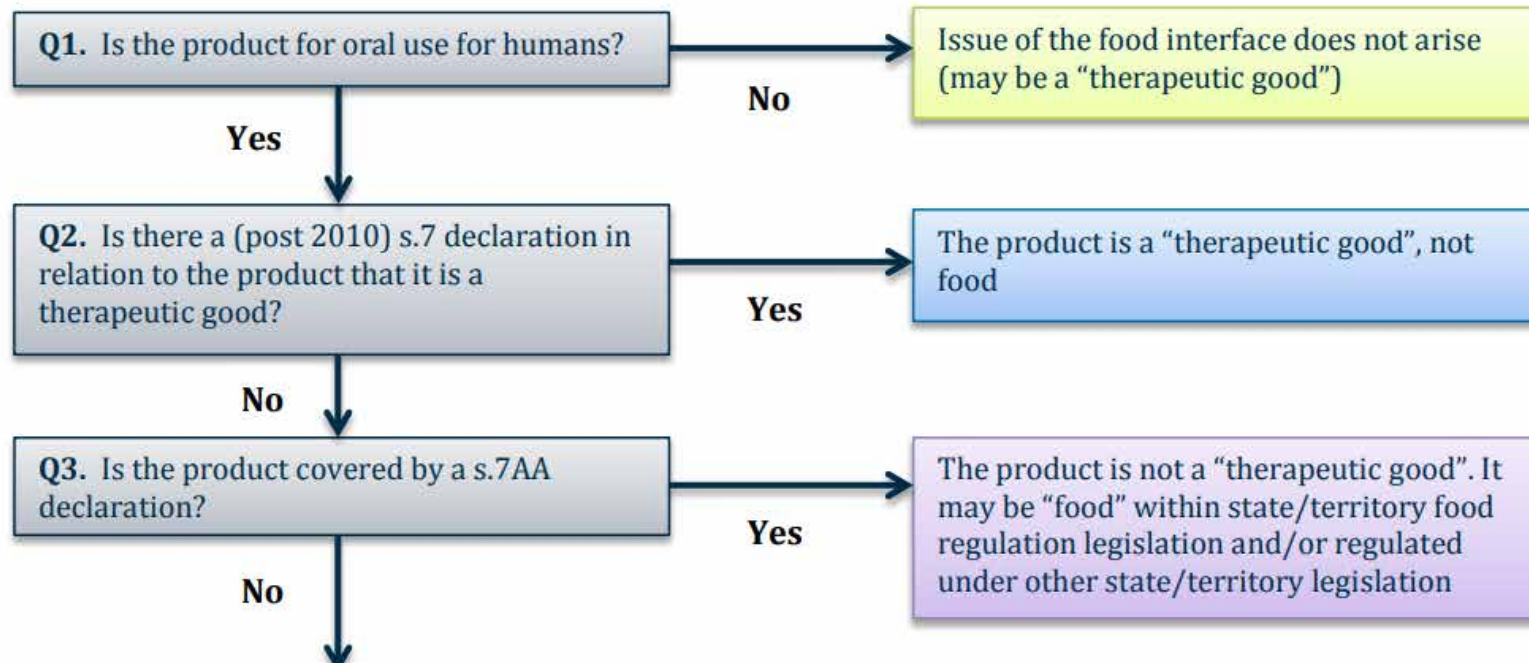
- Is the product for oral use?
- Is there a standard in the FSANZ Code?
- Does the product have a tradition of use as foods for humans in the form in which it is presented?



<https://www.tga.gov.au/food-medicine-interface-guidance-tool-fmigt>



# FOOD-MEDICINE INTERFACE GUIDANCE TOOL DIAGRAM





# ACCC – AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER LAW



Misleading/ deceptive conduct

False /misleading representations





## CLAIMS NOT COVERED BY THE FOOD STANDARDS CODE

NATURAL

PREMIUM

ORGANIC

PUFFERY

FREE FROM



# ACCC ADVERTISING AND SELLING GUIDE



## Advertising and selling guide

A guide for business

July 2021



acc.gov.au

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<https://www.accc.gov.au/about-us/publications/advertising-and-selling-guide>



# ACCC COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELLING STANDARD



REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS (RIA)  
PROCESS



# ACCC COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELLING STANDARD

The image shows the cover of a guide titled 'Country of Origin food labelling'. At the top left, there are the Australian Coat of Arms and the ACCC logo. Below these, it says 'A guide for business'. The main title 'Country of Origin food labelling' is in a large, white font on a teal background. Below the title, it says 'Current as of March 2021'. At the bottom of the cover, there is a photograph of a woman in a supermarket aisle looking at a product. To the right of the photograph, there is a text box with two paragraphs of text.

Australian Competition & Consumer Commission

A guide for business

## Country of Origin food labelling

Current as of March 2021

This guide will help businesses comply with the *Australian Consumer Law's country of origin food labelling requirements* and understand how to avoid making false, misleading or deceptive claims.

The guide will be updated during the transition period to incorporate any changes to the law.

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<https://www.accc.gov.au/about-us/publications/country-of-origin-food-labelling>





# NATIONAL MEASUREMENT INSTITUTE

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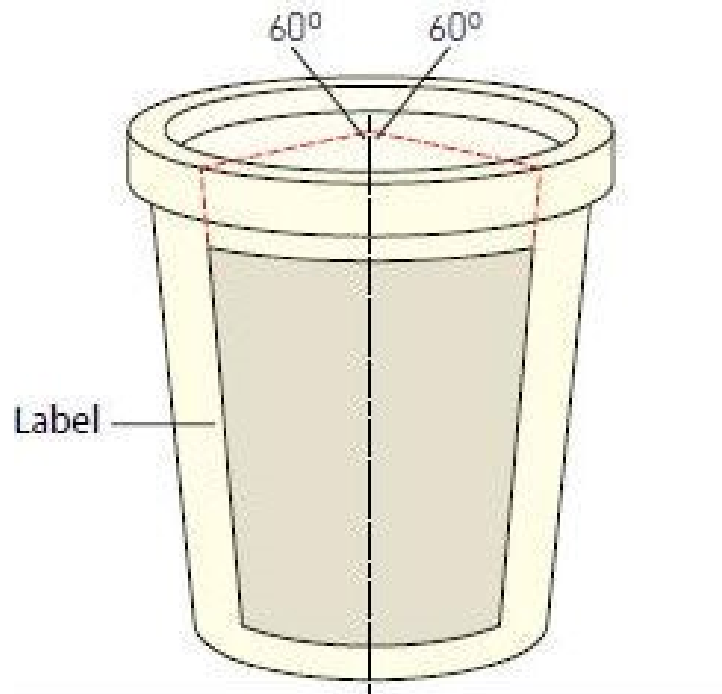
The measurement marking is clear to read, 2 mm from the edge of the package, with a clearance of 2 mm in all directions from other graphic material or text.



<https://www.industry.gov.au/publications/guide-sale-pre-packaged-goods>



# NATIONAL MEASUREMENT INSTITUTE



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# CONCLUSIONS



Food regulatory system is complex



Involves multiple stakeholders



Role of other regulatory bodies



## NEXT WEBINAR: APRIL 2025



Std 1.2.1 - Requirements to have labels or otherwise provide information

Std 1.2.2 – Information requirements – food identification

Std 1.2.3 – Information requirements – warning statements, advisory statements and declarations

Std 1.2.4– Information requirements – statement of ingredients

Std 1.2.5 – Information requirements – date marking of food for sale

Std 1.2.6 – Information requirements – directions for use and storage

Std 1.2.10 – Information requirements – characterising ingredients and components of food

# THANK YOU

# Q&A