

Debrief – FSANZ Binational Food Industry Dialogue (BFID)



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What is BFID?

- FSANZ mechanism to facilitate collaboration and information sharing with key industry stakeholders
 - Peak industry bodies + nominated member representatives
- Sister groups
 - Consumer and Public Health Dialogue
 - Jurisdictional Forum



Structure of the discussion

- FSANZ
 - Workplan, applications/proposals, other activities
- Australian Government
 - Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (DHDA)
 - Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)
 - Productivity Commission
- New Zealand Government
 - Ministry for Primary Industries
 - Ministry for Regulation
- Implementation Sub-Committee on Food Regulation (ISFR)
- Industry updates

FSANZ

- FSANZ 2030 Roadmap (publishing in early 2026)
- Nutrition labelling – HSR preparatory work/NIP review
- Proposals
 - P1056 - Caffeine Review
 - P1066 - Review of young child formula
 - P1055 - Definitions for gene technology and new breeding techniques (development of industry guide)

FSANZ (continued)

- Application Handbook updates (and application wait times)
- Branded Food Database
- 28th Australian Total Diet Study
- Review of commercial foods for infants and young children
- Updating of label change cost model

FSANZ consultations

Open (<https://consultations.foodstandards.gov.au/>)

- P1056 – caffeine review (12 December 2025)
- Cost recovery arrangements – survey (15 February 2026)

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

- P1065 – Code Revision – 2025 Amendments (Mid Dec – Mid Jan)
- P1066 – Review of young child formula (April – June 2026)

Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

- FSANZ Act review
- Health Star Rating – monitoring and consumer research
- Controls on Infant Formula Marketing
- Advertising and marketing of unhealthy foods to children
- Healthy Food Partnership
- Review of the Australian Dietary Guidelines
- Improving the composition of the food supply in relation to industrially-produced trans fats

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)

- International food incidents – horizon scanning
- Update on foot and mouth disease outbreaks in Europe
- Annual imported food inspection data report 2024
- Sunsetting of imported food subordinate legislation
- National Food Security Strategy

Other government updates

- Productivity Commission
 - [National productivity policy analysis](#)
- NZ Ministry for Primary Industries
 - General update
- NZ Ministry for Regulation
 - [Product labelling review](#)
- Packaging Update

Implementation Sub-Committee on Food Regulation (ISFR)

- Food Regulation System Work Plan 2025 - 2028
- Food Standards Implementation Working Group
 - P1052 Horticulture, P1060 Eggs (PPP standards)
- Incident Response Working Group
 - Debrief - multiple recalls of leafy baby spinach (NFIRP triggered)
- Surveillance, Evidence and Analysis Working Group
 - Coordinated Food Survey Plan (2025 – 2027)

Digital labelling

NZ MPI

- Proposal for digital labelling trial at selected retailer(s) for imported food products

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- Exploring a principles-based framework for digital labelling of food information

Industry updates

- Freshcare
- AIFST

Other Business

- Report from Senate inquiry into PFAS and new inquiry on microplastics

BFID – next meetings

- 26 March 2026
 - Topic for discussion – Nova classification/ultra-processed food
- 20 August 2026
- 18 November 2026

Thank you