

Debrief – FSANZ Binational Food Industry Dialogue (BFID)

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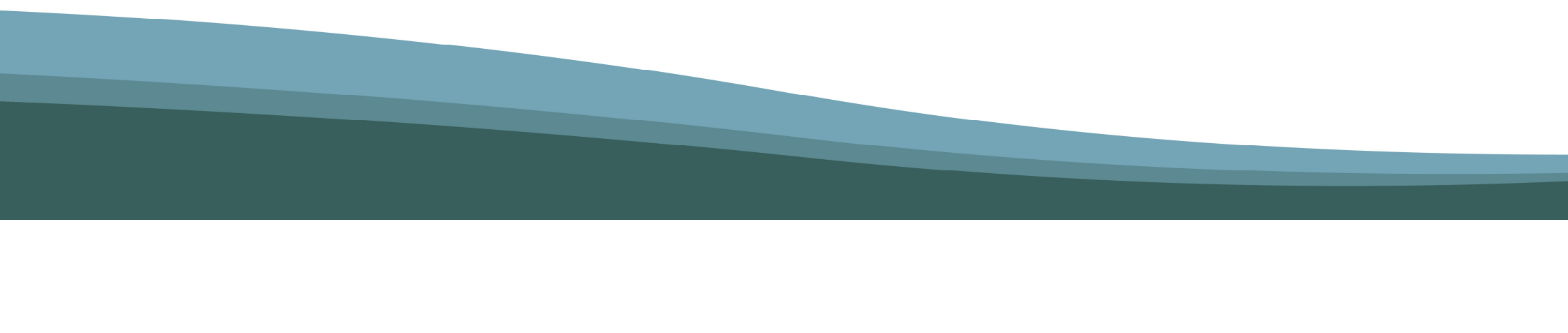
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The Australian Food and Grocery Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



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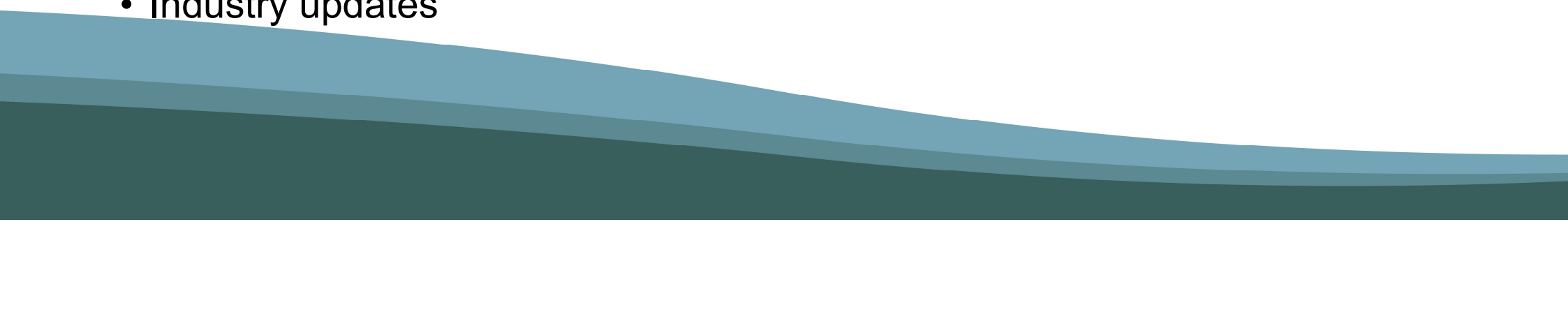
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What is BFID?

- 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



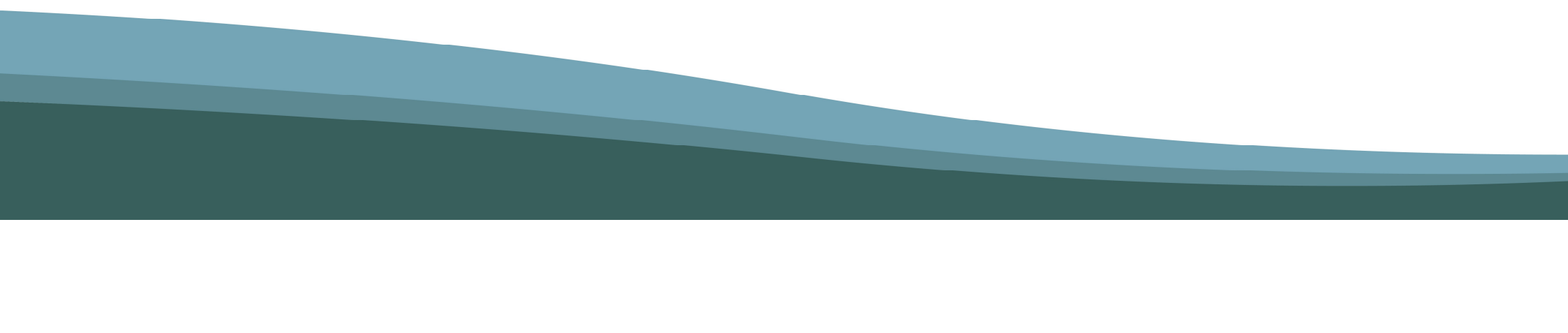
Structure of the discussion

- FSANZ
 - Workplan, applications/proposals, other activities
 - Australian Government
 - New Zealand Government
 - Ministry for Primary Industries
 - Implementation Sub-Committee on Food Regulation (ISFR)
 - Industry updates
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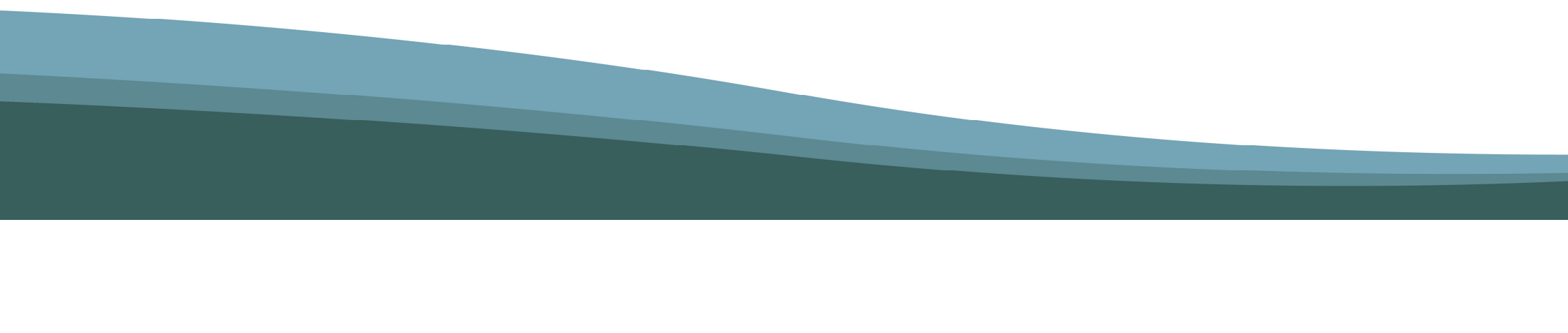
- Nutrition labelling
 - HSR Proposal
 - NIP review
 - P1058 – Nutrition labelling about added sugars
- Proposals
 - P1056 - Caffeine Review
 - P1066 - Review of young child formula

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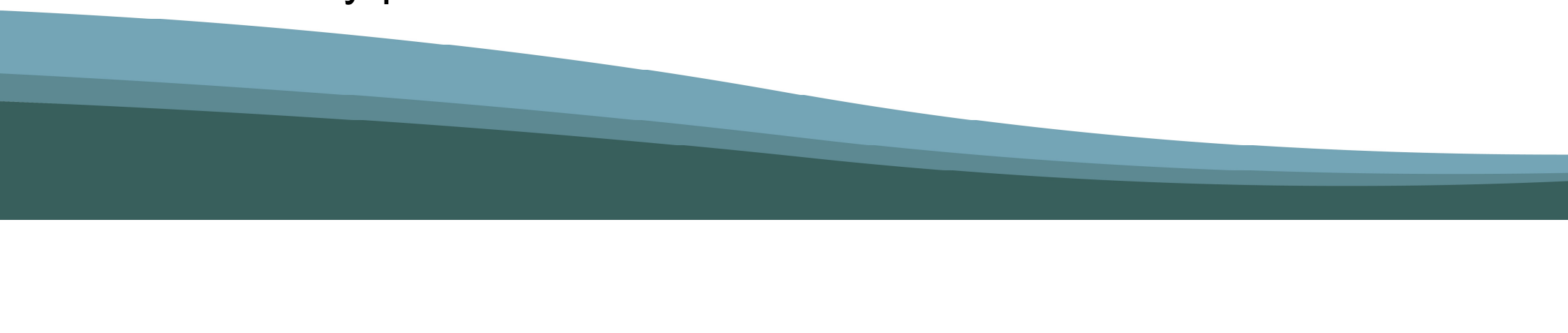
- Branded Food Database
 - 28th Australian Total Diet Study
 - Review of commercial foods for infants and young children
 - Application Handbook updates
 - Principles-based review of digital food labelling
 - MRL Harmonisation Proposals
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FSANZ consultations

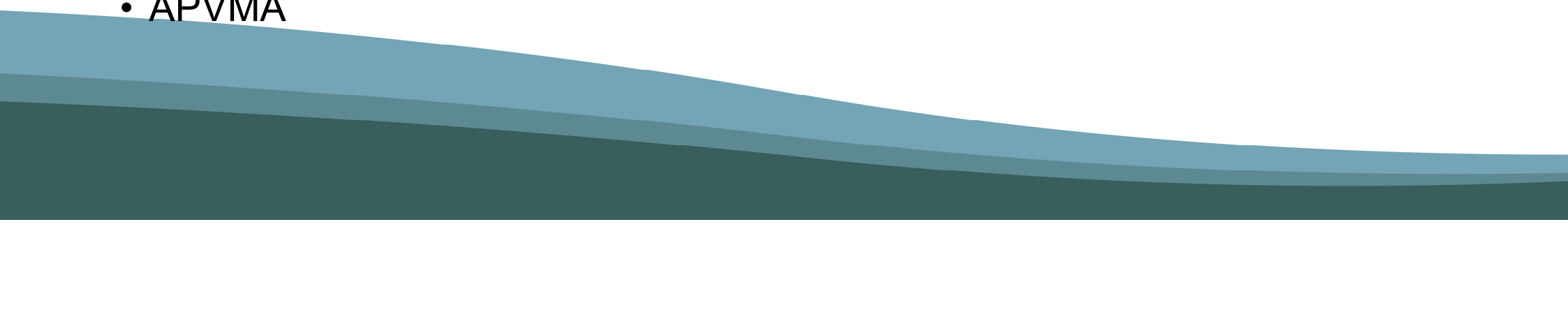
Upcoming (FSANZ [workplan](#))

- HSR Proposal (late April)
 - P1066 – Review of young child formula (May 2026)
 - Applications (processing aids, cell cultured duck biomass)
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Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

- FSANZ Act review
 - Health Star Rating
 - [Controls on Infant Formula Marketing](#)
 - Advertising and marketing of unhealthy foods to children
 - Healthy Food Partnership
 - Improving the composition of the food supply in relation to industrially-produced trans fats
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Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)

- Commencement of Imported Food Control Order amendments
 - [Enoki mushrooms + kava \(commenced\)](#); [pufferfish](#) (March 2028) + [melons](#) (March 2027)
 - Mandatory declaration of PEAL
 - International food incidents – horizon scanning
 - National Food Security Strategy
 - Plant based labelling ([link to research](#))
 - APVMA
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Other government updates

- NHMRC
 - [Australian Dietary Guidelines review](#)
 - Therapeutic Goods Administration
 - [Compliance Principals 2026 and 2027](#)
 - [Food-medicine interface](#)
 - NZ Ministry for Primary Industries
 - [Digital labelling trial](#)
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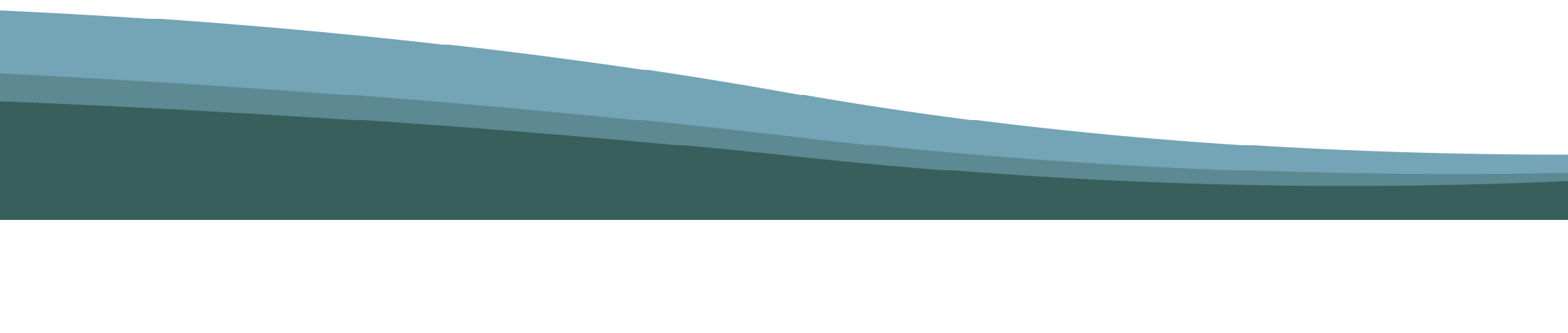
Implementation Sub-Committee on Food Regulation (ISFR)

- FRSC [website](#) updated (incl. list of activities)
- Food allergen management communication
- Surveillance, Evidence and Analysis Working Group
 - [National surveillance of antimicrobial resistant bacteria in retail food](#)
- Implementing energy labelling on alcoholic beverages [guidance](#)

“Ultra-processed foods” discussion

- Agenda item at Consumer and Public Health Dialogue
 - AFGC led discussion at BFID
 - Provided an industry perspective
 - Highlighted areas of scientific uncertainty
 - Discussed implications & consequences for nutrition policy & regulation
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BFID – next meetings

- 20 August 2026
 - 18 November 2026
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Thank you



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