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Horticulture Standards Development Advisory Group

P1052 – Primary Production and Processing Requirements for Horticulture (Berries, Leafy Vegetables and Melons)

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### **Executive summary**

Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) established the Horticulture Standards Development Advisory Group (SDAG) to assist in its work to consider the development of a primary production and processing standard for berries, leafy vegetables and melons.

The role of the SDAG is to provide information and advice relating to Proposal P1052 Primary Production and Processing Requirements for Horticulture (Berries, Leafy Vegetables and Melons). Membership of the SDAG consists of industry and government stakeholders.

The SDAG has met twice since it was established. The first meeting focussed on the challenges and benefits of regulators and industry working together to better manage food safety risks for berries, leafy vegetables and melons. The second meeting focussed on the risk assessment, cost benefit analysis and the potential risk management options for the proposal.

The SDAG will continue to be engaged throughout the remainder of the proposal assessment.

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# 1. Horticulture Standards Development Advisory Group

## 1.1 Horticulture Standards Development Advisory Group Meeting Members

The Horticulture Standards Development Advisory Group (SDAG) consists of representatives from the following organisations.

<b><i>Horticulture Standards Development Advisory Group Members</i></b>
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>
Food Standards Australia New Zealand (Chair)
Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
Safe Food Production QLD
TAS Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment
SA Health
Primary Industries and Regions SA
NSW Department of Primary Industries
VIC Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources
VIC Department of Human Services
WA Health
NT Department of Primary Industry and Resources
<b>INDUSTRY</b>
Produce Marketing Association (PMA) Australia-New Zealand
Driscoll's
Growcom
Australian Vegetable and Potato Growers Federation – AusVeg
Fresh Markets Australia
Fresh Produce Safety Centre
Hort Innovation
Berries Australia
Australian Melon Association

One Harvest
Freshcare
National Farmers' Federation

## **1.2 Horticulture Standards Development Advisory Group Terms of Reference**

The SDAG Terms of Reference are provided at Annex 1.

## Food Standards Australia New Zealand

### Terms of Reference and Procedures

#### Horticulture Standards Development Advisory Group

Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) has established a group to assist it in its work to consider the development of a primary production and processing standard for berries, leafy vegetables and melons.

The group will be known as the Horticulture Standards Development Advisory Group.

#### Role

The role of the group is to provide information and advice relating to Proposal P1052 Primary Production and Processing Requirements for Horticulture (Berries, Leafy Vegetables and Melons) (P1052), as and when requested by FSANZ.

The matters on which advice or information may be sought from individual members of the group include, but are not limited to:

- providing scientific, technical, regulatory/enforcement, benefit and cost analysis or other input that may be relevant to the assessments required during the development of a Standard; and
- identifying linkages with relevant sectors and organisations on standard development issues.

In providing advice and information, the group must have regard to the [Overarching Policy Guideline on Primary Production and Processing Standards](#) approved in 2006 by the then Australian and New Zealand Food Regulation Ministerial Council (now Australia and New Zealand Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation).

#### Boundaries

The group is an advisory body only and not a decision-making body.

FSANZ is responsible for the development of a standard including the assessment, development of management options, communication, regulatory analysis and legal drafting. Implementation is the responsibility of jurisdictions and for consideration by the ISFR Horticulture Implementation Working Group (ISFR HIWG).

Any information or advice provided by the group is non-binding on FSANZ.