

2025-26 Work Program Dashboard

As at May 2026

2030 Roadmap

The 2030 Roadmap clearly outlines proposals FSANZ will deliver over the coming 5 years to support the Food Regulation System, aligned to the system's 4 strategic outcomes: Safe and suitable food; Healthy food supply; Informed and empowered consumers; Thriving food economies.

Formulated Supplementary Sports Foods

This proposal aims to revise and modernise Code provisions to reflect the expanding sports food market and ensure the safety of consumers.

Board Decision anticipated 2030

International Alignment Review

Expand international alignment and shared risk assessments to reduce duplication, accelerate approvals and support trade competitiveness.

A targeted plan to expand FSANZ's work in this space will be developed during 2026.

Food Safety Information and Engagement

- Consumer and Public Health Dialogue
- Bi-National Food Industry Dialogue
- Jurisdictional Technical Forum
- Webinars, stakeholder functions, satisfaction surveys
- Consumer Insights Tracker
- Every standard requires public consultation

Health Star rating system

Work to consider mandating the HSR system to help consumers make informed food choices aligned with dietary guidelines

Board Decision anticipated April 2027

Novel Foods and Nutritive Substances Review

Clarify definitions and regulatory pathways for novel foods and nutritive substances to reduce ambiguity so industry has clarity on which foods require regulatory oversight and approval before being sold.

Board Decision - TBD

Food Recalls and Incidents

Coordinate regulatory activities across the food regulation system, including coordination of food incident responses and food recalls.

To date in 2025/26 there have been 82 recalls, and no incident response activations.

Branded Food Database

Continue to grow and maintain the Branded Food Database to monitor changes to the packaged food supply and to support FSANZ standards development work and the work of the broader food regulatory system.

Young Child Formula

To revise and clarify Code provisions as they apply to young child formula (1-3 years) including regulatory definitions, composition, labelling and representation of products.

Board Decision anticipated December 2027

Nutrient Reference Values Review

Update regulatory nutrient reference values to reflect current science and align with international best practices.

Board Decision - TBD

International Engagement

FSANZ is well regarded globally, co-leads the International Heads of Food Agencies Forum, supports capability uplift in the region, sits on international expert panels, and leads four global committees to develop harmonised standards.

FSANZ and Health Canada have a unique risk assessment sharing MoU.

Evaluation Framework

Introduce a systematic framework to ensure food standards remain evidence-based, fit-for-purpose and responsive to emerging public health risks.

The Framework will be developed by mid 2026 with pilots scheduled to evaluate horticulture, alcohol labelling, and campylobacteriosis to follow.

Digital Labelling Review

Principles-Based Review of Food Labelling: Review of current food policy principles to better integrate digital food labelling information (e.g. online sales, on-pack QR codes) to support informed food choices.

Review completed by March 2027

Commercial foods for infants and young children

Preparatory review of the nutrition composition, labelling, and texture of these foods to ensure public health and safety in line with dietary guidelines.

Board Decision anticipated 2029

Food System Surveillance

- Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring
- Cost of Foodborne Illness Modelling
- Food Composition Database
- Consumer Insights Tracker
- Australian Total Diet Survey

Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs)

An annual proposal raised by FSANZ to vary MRLs for residues of agvet chemicals in foods to ensure safety and facilitate trade harmonisation.

FMM Decision anticipated July 2026

Applications

13 active Applications progressing

- 10 Paid
- 3 Unpaid

5 unpaid applications to commence over the next 12 months

Food System Support

- Yearly BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalitis) country evaluations
- Imported Food Risk Assessment advice to the Australian Department of Agriculture
- Guidance documents to support implementation
- Standard Development Advisory Groups
- Implementation Working Groups

Budget

Australian Government	17.5
New Zealand Government	2.45
Cost Recovery and Paid projects	3.5
Total	23.45

- Proposals
- Applications
- Food Safety, Surveillance, Support