

# Work Program Dashboard

As at July 2026

| SAFE & SUITABLE FOOD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | HEALTHY FOOD SUPPLY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | INFORMED & EMPOWERED CONSUMERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | THRIVING FOOD ECONOMIES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <div> <b>Formulated Supplementary Sports Foods</b></div> <div><b>Board Decision anticipated 2030</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proposal P1010 aims to revise and modernise Code provisions to reflect the expanding sports food market and ensure the safety of consumers.</li></ul></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <div> <b>Young Child Formula</b></div> <div><b>Board Decision anticipated Dec 2027</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proposal P1066 will revise and clarify Code provisions as they apply to young child formula (1-3 years) including regulatory definitions, composition, labelling and representation of products.</li></ul></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <div> <b>Health Star rating system</b></div> <div><b>Board Decision anticipated April 2027</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proposal P1067 considers mandating the Health Star Rating (HSR) system to help consumers make informed food choices.</li></ul></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <div> <b>Novel Foods and Nutritive Substances Review</b></div> <div><b>Board Decision TBD</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proposal P1024 will clarify definitions and regulatory pathways for novel foods and nutritive substances so industry has clarity on which foods require regulatory oversight and approval before being sold.</li><li>A consultation paper will be released in the second half of 2026.</li></ul></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <div> <b>Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs)</b></div> <div><b>Board Decision annually</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>An annual proposal raised by FSANZ to vary MRLs for residues of agvet chemicals in foods to ensure safety, align internationally and facilitate trade through harmonisation.</li></ul></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <div> <b>Commercial foods for infants and young children</b></div> <div><b>Board Decision anticipated 2029</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Preparatory review of the nutrition composition, labelling, and texture of these foods to ensure public health and safety in line with dietary guidelines.</li></ul></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <div> <b>Digital Labelling &amp; e-Commerce</b></div> <div><b>Review complete March 2027</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Review of current food labelling principles to better integrate digital information provision (e.g. online sales, on-pack QR codes) to support informed food choices.</li></ul></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <div> <b>International Alignment</b></div> <div><b>Review completion TBD</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A consultation paper will be released in the second half of 2026.</li><li>Expand international alignment to reduce duplication, accelerate approvals and support trade competitiveness.</li></ul></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <div> <b>Food Recalls and Incidents</b></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The coordination of regulatory activities within the food regulation system includes managing responses to food incidents and coordinating approximately 90 food recalls each year.</li></ul><div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Publication of the 28th Australian Total Diet Study</li><li>Updates to the FSANZ Cost of Foodborne Illness Model</li><li>Provision of risk advice to enable imported food inspections and manage food safety incidents</li></ul></div></div> | <div> <b>Nutrient Reference Values Review</b></div> <div><b>Board Decision anticipated 2030</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proposal P1047 will update regulatory nutrient reference values to reflect current science and align with international best practices.</li></ul><div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Maintain and enhance the Australian Food Composition Database (AFCD), AUSNUT, Nutrition Panel Calculator dataset, Branded Food Database and supporting nutrient data systems to provide current, high-quality information on the Australian food supply.</li></ul></div></div> | <div> <b>Consumer Insights Tracker</b></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>FSANZ's annual, nationally representative survey of consumers in Australia and New Zealand. It provides evidence on consumer trust, confidence, food safety attitudes, food labelling use and emerging food issues.</li></ul><div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Enhancing web content for better consumer information access</li><li>Consumer attitude and behavioural research</li><li>Conducting public consultations via the Consultation Hub</li></ul></div></div> | <div> <b>Changing the Code</b></div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>FSANZ evaluates approximately 20 applications each year to modify the Food Standards Code. The assessment typically takes 9 to 12 months.</li><li>Additional details can be found in our <a href="#">Work Plan</a>.</li></ul><div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Revise the Application Handbook for better guidance on Code changes.</li><li>Upgrade the Nutrition Panel Calculator.</li><li>Publish guidance materials for new standards on genetically modified foods and egg safety.</li><li>Annual Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey.</li><li>Continue participation in international technical committees and forums.</li></ul></div></div> |

**Evaluation Framework**

The purpose of this Framework is to support good regulatory and policy behaviour and underpin continuous improvement by embedding systematic review, feedback, and learning in the Food Regulation System. Its scope is broad and covers all activities and initiatives of the Food Regulatory System, excluding enforcement actions against specific individuals or firms.

**Branded Food Database**

Providing a trusted national dataset of branded foods. It supports monitoring of HSR uptake, assessment of food reformulation, policy evaluation and evidence-based improvements to nutrition initiatives.

**Engagement & Collaboration**

- Every standard requires public consultation.
- Participate in international expert panels and lead 5 Codex Alimentarius Committees.
- Risk assessment sharing MOU with Health Canada.
- Enhance regional Asia & Pacific capabilities.
- Coordinate Consumer and Public Health; Bi-National Food Industry & Jurisdictional Dialogue groups.
- Co-lead the International Heads of Food Agencies Forum.

**Budget**

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|------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Australian Government                          | 18.2         |
| New Zealand Government                         | 2.45         |
| Cost Recovery, Paid Projects and Other Revenue | 6.6          |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>27.25</b> |

**More information?**

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