

### FBIA SUBMISSIONS

Proposed changes to inspection analysis of imported food- request for comment was lodged on Monday 31st July 2017. If you would like to see a copy of the submission please email [info@fbia.org.au](mailto:info@fbia.org.au)

### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES

#### Import Industry Advice Notice

27-July-2017 | 72/17

[BICON will be unavailable 18:00 Saturday 5th August to 01:40 Sunday 6th August 2017 \(AEST\)](#)

3-Aug-2017 | 73/17

[Review of import protocols for inorganic fertiliser](#)

4-Aug-2017 | 74/17

[Indian phytosanitary certificates](#)

#### Biosecurity Advice Notice

31-July-2017 | 13/17

[Importation of high pressure processed chicken meat - revised closing date for stakeholder comments](#)

1- Aug-2017 | 14/17

[Draft report for the extension of nectarine import risk analysis to peaches, plums and apricots from China](#)

### FOOD STANDARDS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

#### Food Standards NEWS

Issue 149 | July 2017 view it [here](#).



The latest [Notification Circular \(20-17\)](#) was published on 3 August 2017.

The Circular summarises work currently being undertaken or finalised by FSANZ including:

- A1149 – Addition of Steviol Glycosides in Fruit Drinks (New Application)
- M1015 – Maximum Residue Limits (2017) (New Proposal)
- P1028 – Infant Formula (call for submissions)
- A1138 – Food derived from Provitamin A Rice Line GR2E (call for submissions)
- Consultation Paper relating to beta-glucan and blood cholesterol health claims (call for submissions)

#### FSANZ Media Release

##### [Call for submissions on genetically modified rice application](#)

Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) has called for submissions on an application to permit a genetically modified rice line that produces a form of provitamin A.

FSANZ Chief Executive Officer Mark Booth said the International Rice Research Institute (a non-government humanitarian organisation) applied to include the rice—sometimes referred to as Golden Rice—in the Code. Read more.

##### [Consultation paper on infant formula products for special dietary use](#)

Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) today released a consultation paper on infant formula products for special dietary use.

FSANZ Chief Executive Officer Mr Mark Booth said the paper was the next stage of a proposal looking at revising and clarifying standards relating to infant formula. Read more.

##### [Consultation paper released on beta-glucan and blood cholesterol health claims](#)

Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) today released a consultation paper about beta-glucan and blood cholesterol health claims.

The consultation paper follows a recent review by FSANZ of the food-health relationships between beta-glucan, oats and barley and blood cholesterol. Read more.

#### FSANZ - Media issues for the week

Here are the media issues for the week (31 July - 06 July 2017)

##### General

Free-range claims are in the spotlight again after an egg producer was fined \$1 million for [falsely labelling their eggs as free-range](#).

We know that our produce is good, but soon the rest of the world will know just how good it is after the [Australian horticulture industry sets ambitious export targets](#).

## Labelling

You might think you're eating free-range eggs for the right reasons, but do you know what you're really paying for? [This article](#) looks at free-range claims and what those claims really mean.

## Food safety

A [recent report](#) has found seafood and crustaceans from the Darwin waterways that were contaminated with PFAS chemicals are now safe for human consumption.

Want a side of cockroaches with your morning bagel? A [bakery in Canberra](#) has recently been fined after live cockroaches were found in the food preparation area.

Banana farmers in Queensland are currently facing a [Panama disease outbreak](#). Although the disease is not spreading as quickly as originally anticipated, farmers in the Northern Territory who have already been devastated by the disease are warning Queensland to brace for the worst case scenario.

You might think twice about ordering an iced coffee in the future. Large café chains across the UK are in the [spotlight](#) after faecal bacteria was found in the ice used in their cold drinks.

## Diet and nutrition

A [recent study](#) has found that having a few glasses of wine a week can reduce the risk of developing diabetes. This study looked at the data of 70,551 participants and found that those consuming alcohol three or four days a week reduced their risk by 27% in men and 32% in women, compared with those abstaining. Women have been warned against consuming gin however—a daily tippie of “mothers' ruin” increased the risk by 83% in women.

[This article](#) looks at why we may struggle with controlling those cravings when dieting and why those forbidden foods are more tempting.

## GM

A [GM seed mix-up](#) has occurred after a South Australian farmer unknowingly planted glyphosate-resistant canola crops. Despite the strict ban on GM crops in South Australia, the farmer hasn't been fined. However, the seed company responsible has been issued a warning.

## Quirky

Foodies rejoice! A new app called [Crave](#), which has been likened to Tinder for food, allows users to match with their dream food. You can also refine your options to only show vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free (and others), and after swiping right the app will provide you the location details.

Sick of ordering those boring flat whites? Lattes? More like blah-tes. A [Melbourne coffee](#) joint has decided to mix things up creating a black coffee made with a charcoal blend, which despite looking funky also boasts health benefits.

## AUSTRALIAN PESTICIDES AND VETERINARY MEDICINES AUTHORITY

### Regulatory Update Issue [#255](#) 3 August 2017

- Canberra industry sessions program released—registrations now open
- Refreshed science pages on APVMA website
- Shortlisting tender submissions for our permanent Armidale premises
- Building capability in regulatory science
- Annual returns of active constituents
- Reminder—open for public consultation



## BUSINESS CONSULTATION NOTIFICATION

### Proposal of a Processing Aid

You are invited to comment on the proposal for a new processing aid to be used in the manufacture of bakery products.



## HEALTH STAR RATING

### Second extension of closing date for public submissions to the five year review of the Health Star Rating system

To ensure that as much evidence as possible is captured, along with stakeholders' views on the system, a further two week extension to the consultation period has been agreed and it will now close on [17 August 2017](#).

## AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY GROUP

### Industry Newsletter

<https://www.aigroup.com.au/policy-and-research/industrynewsletter/>

### Australian PSI®: Solid growth for services in July

Download the full report [here](#).



### Ai Group Entrepreneurs' Business Program

The Entrepreneurs Programme is funded by the Australian Government. For further information click [here](#).