# 2025-26 Work Program Dashboard

As at November 2025





## **Nutrition Information Panel**

Reviewing the Nutrition Information Panel to ensure consumers are best supported to make decisions in line with dietary guidelines.

**Board Decision** March 2027 if progressed



To support Ministers consideration and ability to promptly mandate the Health Star Rating system in 2026 if industry do not meet the voluntary targets.

> **Board Decision** March 2027 if progressed



#### Young Child Formula

Reviewing market developments and international regulatory changes to ensure standards for young child formula remain safe, suitable, and up to date.

**Board Decision anticipated** 2027



#### **Egg Standard Review**

To address an increased incidence of illness from Salmonella Enteritidis and consider new or amended food safety requirements for eggs and egg products.

**Board Decision finalised** September 2025 - now with FMM for consideration



#### Caffeine Review

To review the broad permissions for caffeine in sports and general foods to ensure the safety of sensitive populations.

**Board Decision anticipated** March 2026



#### Formulated Sports Supplements

This proposal aims to modernise the relevant standards in the Code to capture the expanding sports food market and ensure the safety of consumers.

**Board Decision anticipated** 2027



#### **Novel Foods and Nutritive Substances Review**

Preparatory work to mandate the

Health Star rating system

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** 



#### **Nutrient Reference Values** Review

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

**Board Decision - TBD** 



#### Infant and Childhood Foods Review

Improve nutritional composition, labelling, and texture of commercial foods for infants and young children.

**Board Decision - TBD** 



#### 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.

**Board Decision anticipated** April 2026



## 2030 Road Map

The 2030 Roadmap will clearly outline 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.



#### **Applications**

16 Active Applications progressing

- 11 Paid
- 5 Unpaid

6 unpaid applications to commence over the next 12 months



## Food Recalls and Incidents

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

In 2024/25 there were 87 recalls, and 1 incident response activation.



## 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.



## Food System Surveillance

- Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring · Cost of Foodborne Illness Modelling
- Food Composition Database
- Nutrition and Physical Activity Surveys
- · Consumer Insights Tracker
- Australian Total Diet Survey



#### 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. **Branded Food Database**

Delivers the technical aspects of the Health Star Rating calculator and monitors industry uptake of HSR on intended products.

Developing a Branded Food Database to monitor composition changes in packaged foods to identify if regulatory or nonregulatory interventions are changing the food supply.



#### 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 3.5 Cost Recovery and Paid projects

**Total** 

23.45

Proposals

Applications

Food Safety, Surveillance, Support