



# **Weekly Roundup**

Here are FSANZ's media issues for the week (20/04/17):

## *Labelling*

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has released a new information guide for businesses about the Country of Origin Food Labelling Information Standard 2016. [Read it now](#) on the ACCC website.

Australia's nearly \$2 billion certified organic industry is fighting for tighter food labelling laws to ensure only certified products can be sold as organic because of concerns that unsubstantiated claims made by non-certified producers damages the organic industry's reputation. [Read more.](#)

In [this story](#), a study from the UK suggests that people who pay attention to nutrition labels are more concerned with the quality of the food they eat, rather than the quantity, choosing to eat more fruits, vegetables and beans, and shunning potatoes and refined grains.

## *Food safety PFAS*

According to [this story](#), people have been warned not to go fishing or eat seafood caught near Brisbane airport after firefighting foam containing perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) leaked into the water and killed a number of fish.

## *Food safety general*

The French food safety agency has said that even though titanium dioxide is currently approved for use in foods it will still advise industry to replace the food colouring with suitable alternatives, following recent research suggesting the chemical could be a carcinogen linked to immune system disorders. Titanium dioxide is a white food colouring used mostly in sweets, chewing gum, and bakery products. [Read more.](#)

The US Food and Drug Administration has started testing whether miniature models of human organs engineered to mimic biological functions can reliably model human reactions to food and food-borne illnesses. The experiments will help the agency determine whether companies can substitute chip data for animal data when applying for the approval of a new compound, such as a food additive, that could prove toxic. [Read more.](#)


[This story](#) takes a look at reports that an exclusive country club in the US owned by President Donald Trump has been cited for a number of serious food safety violations, including offering diners potentially parasitic raw fish and storing meat in broken coolers at too high a temperature.

Queensland Health set out to clear misconceptions this week in a debate amongst consumers on its Facebook page about the safest location to store eggs—in the fridge or in the pantry. The verdict was either—as long as the location was below 15 degrees Celsius, which ultimately would vary depending on where you lived. [Read more.](#)

## *Diet and nutrition*

According to experts, after Easter is the perfect time to start a weight loss program because the motivation to shed unwanted kilos is "at its peak"—and seizing on the guilt felt after periods of indulgence is often a great source of inspiration. [Read more.](#)

Are frozen veggies as good as the fresh ones? [This article](#) looks at new research that says they are, if not even better. A technique called fresh freezing, which freezes the



vegetables as soon as they're ready instead of letting them sit on a truck or crate before being unpacked at a grocery store and then toted home is said to be the key to locking in those nutrients.

### Quirky

Not a fan of health food? [This article](#) has the ultimate list of funny tweets posted by people who share your dislike—with comments like, “Just ate vegan chocolate. May as well have eaten a candle.”

### Department Agriculture and Water Resources – Uncooked Prawns – APRIL UPDATE

The department’s webpage has been updated and now has links to all available information including the new factsheets, industry notices and media releases. Click [here](#).

### Imported Food Section Update

The failing food report for FEBRUARY 2017 is now available to view on the website and can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/goods/food/inspection-compliance/failing-food-reports>

### Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Schedule 20 – Maximum residue limits

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<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017C00344>

### APVMA Gazette

[Gazette No. 8, 18 April 2017](#) is now available on the APVMA website.

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You can also access [back issues](#) of the Gazette from August 1999

### The latest [Notification Circular \(10-17\)](#) was published on 18 April 2017.

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

- **P1045 – Code Revision (2017)** (call for submissions)
- **A1132 – Broaden Definition of Steviol Glycosides (Intense Sweetener)**
- **P1043 – Code Revision (2016)**
- **PA1145**

### FSANZ NEWS

Food Standards News – Issue 146 - April 2017

<http://mailchi.mp/foodstandards/food-standards-news-april-2017?e=0081f4e9d0>

## Import Industry Advice Notice

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, together with other Australian government departments, is responsible for operations related to importing goods to Australia. The department provides updates and notices that are useful to industry.

This week's IIAN:

18-April-2017	37/17	<a href="#">BICON will be unavailable 20:00 to 21:30 (AEST) on Tuesday 18th April 2017</a>
	38/17	<a href="#">Prohibited packaging statements</a>
	40/17	<a href="#">Reportable biosecurity incidents: biosecurity risk incidents and legal reporting requirements</a>

### **Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code — Schedule 20 — Maximum residue limits Variation Instrument No. APVMA 4, 2017**

This instrument amends the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Schedule 20 – Maximum residue limits, to set new and varied maximum residue limits and make changes to certain residue definitions, commodities and substances.

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<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L00449>

### **Imported Food Control Amendment (Food Inspection) Regulations 2017**

This instrument amends the Imported Food Control Regulations 1993 to allow for the lowering of the rate of inspection and analysis of a risk food where there are reasonable grounds to believe the food complies with Australia's food standards and does not pose a risk to human health.

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### **Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Schedule 10 – Generic names of ingredients and conditions for their use**

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### **Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Schedule 11 – Calculation of values for nutrition information panel**

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### **Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Schedule 12 – Nutrition information panels**

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### **Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Schedule 15 – Substances that may be used as food additives**

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### **Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Schedule 19 – Maximum levels of contaminants and natural toxicants**

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**Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Schedule 21 – Extraneous residue limits**

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**Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Schedule 29 – Special purpose foods**

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**Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Schedule 8 – Food additive names and code numbers (for statement of ingredients)**

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**Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Standard 2.10.3 – Chewing gum**

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**Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Standard 2.9.2 – Food for infants**

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**Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Standard 2.9.4 – Formulated supplementary sports foods**

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**Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Standard 2.9.5 – Food for special medical purposes**

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**Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code - Standard 4.2.4 - Primary Production and Processing Standard for Dairy Products (Australia Only)**

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<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017C00335>

**Ai Group Industry Newsletter**

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

**Imported Food Reform**

Public consultation on imported food reforms legislative changes - members of the public, food importing companies and Australia's trading partners have 13 days left to provide comments on the draft Bill and Regulations. The consultation period will close on 4 May 2017.

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/goods/food/reform/consultation>

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Customers & Trade Alert – What are the wider issues that could stem from the abolition of the 457 visa? Read the article [here](#).