



Weekly Roundup

24 July - 30 July 2017

FBIA CANBERRA GENERAL MEETING, JULY 27, 2017

The FBIA held a general meeting in Canberra yesterday; supported by very informative guest speakers and well attended by members.

For those unable to attend the meeting it commenced with a presentation to Tony Beaver as he moves into a consultative role with the association. As you are aware the executive officer role has been transitioning over the last 12 months. All presentations will be distributed at a later date.

Tony was presented with a gift in recognition of his contribution to the association over many years.

Below is the presentation speech made by FBIA President Neil Brand on behalf of the executive and the members of the association.

Dear Tony,

A new era is dawning. Although formally you will be handing over the reins of the day to day management of the FBIA, we appreciate your undertaking to enable your experience to be maintained and to be used over time in an informal way.

Over the years you have been associated with the FBIA, you have wisely advised scores of people in this industry on various related matters. You have sat on numerous government; associated authority committees; working parties; and advisory boards - and in doing so, have guided decision makers to make sensible calls on many delicate matters.

In your role with the FBIA you were instrumental in obtaining noteworthy praise from our partners in Government, over the years. You guided many senior persons with your knowledge, wisdom and character. You have assisted members with their issues; and managed to do this while fully honouring each member's individuality and certainly maintaining an exemplary standard of confidentiality. Your commitment to quality and personal and professional integrity is the differentiating factor that has made us a successful member organisation. You were able to drive our mission and satisfy our core value of service.

On behalf of the FBIA executive and all members, past and present, as a symbol of our appreciation of your years of service and dedication to the cause of Food Importers, we wish to acknowledge your contribution to the industry. You have always been the person who knew where to tinker, and help to make the burden easier to carry.

We take this opportunity to thank you for your hard work and dedication, and wish you well into the future.

Sincerely, Neil Brand. FBIA President

Thank you

Carolyn Macgill
FBIA Executive Officer

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES

Import Industry Advice Notice

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[Brunei Darussalam confirm they can meet Australia's enhanced import conditions for uncooked prawns and uncooked prawn products](#)

FEDERAL REGISTER OF LEGISLATION

Biosecurity (Methods of Ballast Water Management) Approval 2016

Compilation was registered on 25/07/2017

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017C00603>

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FOOD STANDARDS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Food Standards NEWS

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



FSANZ - Media issues for the week

Here are the media issues for the week (24 July - 30 July 2017)

General

Did you know we throw away seven million tons of unused food every year, even though more than half is still good to eat? [This article](#) looks at how people could save money on their grocery bill by wising up to difference between best before and use by dates.

According to [this article](#), sperm production in men has fallen 60% in the past 40 years. The decline, which appears to only affect western countries, has been attributed to lifestyle, stress, obesity, pesticides and chemicals, with BPA hitting the line-up of potential suspects.

Do you find that you're happier when you cook your own meals? You're not alone. A [recent study](#) has found that people who cook more tend to live healthier and happier lives.

Labelling

What's cooler than being CoOL? Food businesses are being [encouraged](#) by Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister, Luke Hartsuyker, to get ready for new country of origin labelling laws which become mandatory in less than a year.

According to [this article](#), health advocacy groups have been calling for a more transparent health-star rating system after a recent study revealed 70% of packaged foods contain added sugar.

Want to take a closer look at what's on a food label? [ABC have expanded](#) on the labelling poster available on the FSANZ site, to make it even easier for consumers to know what they're actually buying.

Food safety

Mandatory action may soon be in place to [reduce acrylamide in food and drink](#). The EU has recently shown their support for lowering acrylamide levels by voting to implement mandatory mitigation action and benchmark levels.

Diet and nutrition

Pregnancy and high junk food diets are in the spotlight again following a [recent study](#) on pregnant primates which found that eating a high-fat diet while pregnant caused mental health disorders such as anxiety and depression in offspring.

[This article](#) looks into a study which suggests sniffing insulin could help with weight loss. According to the study, using an insulin nasal spray could suppress the urge to eat for pleasure.

Quirky

Do you like a side of salmonella with your chicken? I didn't think so. Would you be surprised to find out there are people that do? [These people](#) have taken to social media to share their favourite way of cooking chicken—medium rare.

How many times have you seen a picture of food that made your mouth water? Well, now you can make the picture a reality through a recently developed neural network, [Pic2Recipe](#). This app allows you to upload a picture of said mouth-watering food which then spits out a recipe based on the picture. The future is now.

Any Game of Thrones fans out there? There's a new [Game of Thrones themed bakery](#) called 'You Know Nothing John Dough'. And if that wasn't good enough, the actor who plays Hot Pie has teamed up with the bakery to produce some amazing direwolf-shaped cookies. Only con is you'll need to travel to London to sample the goods.

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APVMA Gazette

[Edition No. 15, 25 July 2017](#) is now available on the APVMA website. As a subscriber, you will receive an email notification each time a new Gazette is published.



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DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY INNOVATION & SCIENCE

The Anti-Dumping Commission

Anti-Dumping weekly website update 26 July 2017. [View here](#).

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PROTECTION

The DIBP notice - Assurances that imported goods do not contain asbestos

<https://www.border.gov.au/Customsnotices/Documents/dibp-notice-2017-21.pdf>

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.

Inspection Analysis of Imported Foods

You are invited to comment on the proposed legislative changes to the inspection and analysis of imported foods. The legislative changes come from the amendments to the Imported food control order 2001. The consultation is now open and submissions must be lodged by 5:00pm AEST Monday 31 July 2017.

Review of Biosecurity Requirements for Tahitian Limes

You are invited to comment on the review of biosecurity requirements for Tahitian limes from the Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu. Closes August 7.

Proposal to Vary Maximum Residue Limits

You are invited to comment on the proposal to vary Schedule 20 Maximum Residue Limits of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.



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