

FBIA Annual General Meeting November 23, 2017

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES

Import Industry Advice Notice

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[Brown Marmorated Stink Bug \(BMSB\)
Risk Season 2017-18 recent detections
and alert for importers receiving
containerised goods from Italy](#)

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[Commencement of Burnt Pine
Longicorn \(BPL\) flight season measures
for 2017-18](#)

Biosecurity Advice Notice

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[Final group pest risk analysis for
Thrips and Orthospoviruses on fresh
fruit, vegetable, cut-flower and foliage
imports](#)

DAWR Import Conditions and Permit Assessment Services Christmas and New Year [operating hours](#).

BUSINESS CONSULTATION NOTIFICATION

Measurement Law Review

You are invited to provide comment on the comprehensive review of Australia's measurement laws. This review will take into consideration the rapid development in measurements in order to create a measurement framework that is fit for purpose for current and future opportunities and challenges.



FEDERAL REGISTER OF LEGISLATION

Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code — Schedule 20 – Maximum residue limits Variation Instrument No. APVMA 12, 2017

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

Item was modified on 24/11/2017

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L01522>

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION & SCIENCE

Anti-Dumping Commission

Weekly website [update 30/11/2017](#)

FOOD STANDARDS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

The latest [Notification Circular \(33-17\)](#) was published on 28 November 2017.



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

- **P1030** – Composition and labelling of electrolyte drinks (change of name and scope)

FSANZ - Media issues for the week

Here are the media issues for the week (27 Nov - 3 Dec 2017)

Food General

[UK bakers](#) have been given the green light to trial potassium in place of salt in baked goods, in the hope of lowering sodium intake of the general population. It comes after a 4-year study carried out by the Scientific Advisory Committee established the benefits of using potassium-based sodium replacers.

Expensive lab testing could soon be a thing of the past with researchers from the University of Queensland [developing a cheap and quick way](#) of testing food for bacteria that causes foodborne illness.

Addicted to salted caramel? [According to new research](#), the combination of sugar, sweet and fat is scientifically irresistible.

Food labelling

Australian company, SPC, is kicking labelling goals after [confirming their products](#) will be good to go when the new country of origin labelling laws come into force next year.

Former senator Nick Xenophon has renewed his call for mandatory palm oil labelling on all foods to allow consumers to make informed choices about their food.

GM Foods

South Australia has approved a [new six-year moratorium](#) on the production of genetically-modified crops. The moratorium was first introduced in 2004 and allows for some exemptions, mostly for scientific research.

The use of weed-killer glyphosate can continue for another five years in Europe, after Germany voted in its favour after a heated debate over whether it causes cancer. Read the [report here](#).

Food safety

A [Melbourne study](#) has found more than 40 per cent of Australian adolescents with food allergies are experiencing frequent allergic reactions, including potentially lethal anaphylactic attacks.

A [vomit machine has been developed](#) to demonstrate the aerosolisation of a virus that occurs when a person vomits in the hope of showing the importance of cleaning and sanitising exposed areas to avoid contracting the virus.

Have you ever had a fly land on your food only to shoo it away and keep eating? I mean, it's essentially like the 5-second rule right? [According to a new study](#), you should actually be throwing away the food because flies carry a plethora of potentially harmful bacteria.

Diet and nutrition

Apple cider vinegar has been promoted as the ultimate wonder food with the benefits ranging from aiding in weight loss to cleaning "toxic" wastes out of the arteries. [This article](#) looks at some of the myths surrounding apple cider vinegar (and debunks them).

[This article](#) looks at how we can use our diet to fight climate change. According to latest research, if we eat according to the dietary guidelines, greenhouse gases would be 12% lower in Australia.

Quirky

Anyone who has ever used glitter knows that it gets everywhere (and we mean everywhere). Now things are about to get real sparkly in London with the [latest trend](#)—glitter coffee.

AUSTRALIAN BORDER FORCE

A new benefit is now available for accredited Australian Trusted Trader (ATT) businesses, the Consolidated Cargo Clearance benefit.

This benefit was implemented on the 15th November 2017 and will allow Trusted Trader importers, or their licensed customs broker on their behalf, to lodge a single import declaration for consolidated cargo for all sea cargo types and for air cargo. Carriers and freight forwarders will continue to provide cargo reports at the supplier level consistent with current practice, but the consolidated shipment will be cleared on a single import declaration, streamlining the import declaration requirements for ATT importers.

For more information go to the Australian Trusted Trader Website or the Cargo reporting and import [declaration requirements](#).

EPA NSW

EPA Return and Earn Update November 2017 #3

Here is [Return and Earn's latest update](#) to help keep you informed about the upcoming NSW container deposit scheme.

AUSTRALIAN PESTICIDES & VETERINARY MEDICINES AUTHORITY

APVMA Media Release

Progress on APVMA permanent Armidale office

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) has made further progress towards establishing a permanent presence in Armidale, New South Wales, following the appointment of a local engineering firm, JNC Group, who will contribute to the design and fit-out of the regulator's new office. Read the full article [here](#).

[Edition No. 24](#), 28 November 2017 is now available on the APVMA website.

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Industry Newsletter

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Australian Food News - Thought for food

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- Pizza Hut Australia's new direction
- SA Food 2017 Industry award winners announced
- No time to waste
- Suntan lotion flavoured gelato launched in time for summer
- Amazon's Australian warehouse is finally open: so what?
- Melbourne Polytechnic now offering qualifications in greengrocery
- Chris' Dips now selling dip and cracker snack packs



Food Legal

[Does mentioning a healthy ingredient constitute a health claim or a nutrition content claim?](#)