

# Overview of Australian Food Compliance Laws

## - Part 4

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## Glossary of Terms, Abbreviations & Acronyms

<b>1986 Agreement</b>	Agreement between the Commonwealth, the States of Australia and the Northern Territory of Australia in Relation to the Adoption of Uniform Food Standards 1986
<b>1991 Agreement</b>	Agreement between the Commonwealth, the States of Australia, the Northern Territory of Australia and the Australian Capital Territory in Relation to the Adoption of Uniform Food Standards 1991
<b>1997 NNS</b>	The (New Zealand) National Nutrition Survey conducted in 1997.
<b>2002 CNS</b>	The (New Zealand) national Children's Nutrition Survey conducted in 2002.
<b>ABARE</b>	<b>Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics</b>
<b>ABS</b>	<b>Australian Bureau of Statistics</b>
<b>ACCC</b>	Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
<b>ACT Health</b>	Australian Capital Territory Government health portfolio
<b>ADI</b>	Acceptable daily intake
<b>AFGC</b>	Australian Food and Grocery Council, a national organization established by the food and beverage industry to provide a voice and forum and for submissions to be made to government bodies on behalf of the industry.
<b>ALGA</b>	Australian Local Government Association

<b>ALOP</b>	<b>Appropriate level of protection</b>
<b>ALPP</b>	<b>Area of low pest prevalence</b>
<b>ANAO</b>	Australian National Audit Office
<b>ANZFA</b>	Australia New Zealand Food Authority, now superseded by the structure known as FSANZ (see below).
<b>ANZFRMC</b>	Australia New Zealand Food Regulation Ministerial Council
<b>APAL</b>	<b>Apple &amp; Pear Industry Ltd (Australia)</b>
<b>APEC</b>	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (Forum)
<b>APS</b>	Australian Public Service
<b>APVMA</b>	Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority
<b>AQIS</b>	Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
<b>ARMCANZ</b>	Agricultural and Resources Management Council of Australia and New Zealand
<b>ARS</b>	Agriculture Research Service (USA)
<b>ASEAN</b>	Association of South-East Asian Nations
<b>ATDS</b>	Australian Total Diet Study
<b>AusAID</b>	Australian Agency for International Development
<b>ATO</b>	Australian Taxation Office
<b>AWAs</b>	Australian Workplace Agreements
<b>BA</b>	Biosecurity Australia (Australia)
<b>BRS</b>	Bureau of Rural Sciences (Australia)
<b>Caffeinated beverage</b>	A beverage to which caffeine has been added. May include energy drink, energy shot, kola type soft drink or caffeinated alcoholic beverage
<b>CCCF</b>	Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food
<b>CCFA</b>	Codex Committee on Food Additives
<b>CABI</b>	CAB (Commonwealth Agricultural Bureau) International (United Kingdom)

<b>CFU</b>	Colony-forming unit
<b>CICD</b>	Council for International Congresses of Dipterology
<b>CCFH</b>	Codex Committee on Food Hygiene
<b>CCFL</b>	Codex Committee on Food Labelling
<b>CCFICS</b>	Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection Certification Systems
<b>CCGP</b>	Codex Committee on General Principles
<b>CCP</b>	see - Critical Control Point
<b>CCPR</b>	Codex Committee on Pesticide Residues
<b>CNS</b>	Central Nervous System
<b>CDC</b>	Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (USA)
<b>COAG</b>	Council of Australian Governments
<b>CODEX ALIMENTARIUS (CODEX)</b>	An international food safety code used for the purposes of GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) and NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) and other international trade treaties.
<b>Corrective Action</b>	The action to be taken when the results of monitoring the CCP indicate a loss of control.
<b>Critical Control Point (CCP)</b>	A point, step or process at which control can be applied and a hazard can be prevented, eliminated or reduced to an acceptable level.
<b>Critical Limit</b>	A value which separates acceptability from unacceptability in reference to a hazard.
<b>CSIRO</b>	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
<b>CVM</b>	Centre for Veterinary Medicine (of the United States Food and Drug Administration)
<b>DAFF</b>	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
<b>DEA</b>	Designated export area
<b>DFAT</b>	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
<b>DFSV</b>	Dairy Food Safety Victoria
<b>DHS Vic</b>	Department of Human Services, Victoria

<b>DI</b>	Daily Intake Value ; a maximum amount of a macronutrient (incl. energy, protein, fat, saturated fatty acids, carbohydrates, sodium sugars and dietary fibre) that ought to be consumed by the average consumer in one day ( as provided by standard 1.2.8 of FSC)
<b>DIRKS</b>	Designing and Implementing Record Keeping Systems methodology
<b>DIAMOND</b>	Dietary Modelling of Nutritional Data
<b>DOH</b>	Department of Health (UK)
<b>DoHA</b>	Department of Health and Ageing
<b>DOI</b>	Declaration of intent
<b>DSB</b>	Dispute Settlement Body
<b>DSU</b>	Dispute Settlement Understanding
<b>EC</b>	European Communities
<b>EEO</b>	Equal Employment Opportunity
<b>Energy drink</b>	A beverage containing added caffeine, vitamins and other bioactive substances marketed in retail units typically between 250ml and 600ml
<b>Energy shot</b>	A small volume liquid product containing added caffeine, vitamins and other bioactive substances
<b>ESADDI</b>	Estimated Safe and Adequate Daily Dietary Intake
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>ESG</b>	Eminent Scientists Group (Australia)
<b>Exp.</b>	Exposure
<b>FAO</b>	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
<b>FCT</b>	New Zealand Food Composition Tables
<b>FDA</b>	Food and Drug Administration
<b>FOI</b>	Freedom of Information
<b>Food Acts</b>	Australian State and Territory and New Zealand food legislation but not subordinate legislation. That is, Food Act 1989 (NSW); Food Act 1984 (Vic); Food Act 1981 (Qld); Health Act 1911 (WA); Food Act 1985 (SA); Food

	Act 1998 (Tas); Food Act 1986 (NT); Food Act 1992 (ACT); and Food Act 1981 (NZ)
<b>FRSC</b>	Food Regulation Standing Committee
<b>FSANZ</b>	Food Standards Australia New Zealand
<b>FSANZ Act</b>	Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991
<b>ANZFSC</b>	A code that prescribes compositional, chemical, microbiological, labelling and other standards for all food offered for sale in Australia. The code was adopted by ANZFRMC, and made part of law in every State under a Model Food Act. FSANZ is responsible for making recommendations to ANZFRMC on any changes or amendments that should be made to the ANZFSC.
<b>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</b>	
<b>GATT</b>	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
<b>GATT1994</b>	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994
<b>GM</b>	Genetically modified
<b>GRAS</b> <b>Generally recognised as safe</b>	(GRAS) is an American Food and Drug Administration (FDA) designation that a chemical or substance added to food is considered safe but it does not necessarily mean that the food has been tested by a government agency
<b>HACCP</b>	(Pronounced 'HASS-UP') Acronym for “Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points”; a system which identifies specific hazard(s) and provides for the preventative measures for their control.
<b>HAL</b>	Horticulture Australia Limited
<b>Hazard</b>	The potential to be a cause of harm. Hazards can be biological, chemical or physical.
<b>HHS</b>	Department of Health and Human Services (USA)
<b>HortResearch</b>	Horticulture and Food Research Institute of New Zealand Limited
<b>IARC</b>	International Agency for Research on Cancer
<b>IDC</b>	Inter-Departmental Committee
<b>IFP</b>	Integrated fruit production
<b>IGA</b>	Inter-Government Agreement

<b>ILSI</b>	International Life Sciences Institute
<b>Imp</b>	Importation step
<b>IPPC</b>	International Plant Protection Convention
<b>IRA</b>	Final Import Risk Analysis Report for Apples from New Zealand, November 2006
<b>ISC</b>	Food Standards Implementation Sub-Committee
<b>ISPM</b>	International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures (International Plant Protection Convention)
<b>IT</b>	Information technology
<b>JECFA</b>	FAO/WHO Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives
<b>JEMRA</b>	FAO/WHO Joint Expert Meeting on Microbiological Risk Assessment
<b>MAFNZ</b>	<b>Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (New Zealand)</b>
<b>Model Food Act</b>	Not legislation in its own right but aimed to serve as the framework for State and Territory food law on the specific matter. The Model Food Act was endorsed for nationwide adoption by the Ministers for Health of each State and Territory at their annual meeting in May 1980.
<b>MoU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>MRLs</b>	Maximum residue limits
<b>NCC</b>	Nutrient content claim in relation to a food product
<b>NHMRC</b>	National Health and Medical Research Council - key Australian body that promotes the development and maintenance of individual and public health standards
<b>NICNAS</b>	National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme
<b>NIP</b>	Nutrition Information Panel
<b>NNS</b>	National Nutrition Survey
<b>NPPO</b>	National plant protection organization

<b>NPSC</b>	Nutrient profiling scoring criteria which can be the basis for determining whether a particular food type is eligible to carry a claim (e.g. health claim) when a food standard for making approved health claims becomes low
<b>NSWFA</b>	New South Wales Food Authority
<b>NUTTAB</b>	Nutrient content of food in Australia (publication)
<b>NT DHCS</b>	Department of Health and Community Services, Northern Territory
<b>NZFSA</b>	New Zealand Food Safety Authority
<b>OBPR</b>	Office of Best Practice Regulation
<b>OECD</b>	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
<b>OGTR</b>	Office of the Gene Technology Regulator
<b>OH&amp;S</b>	Occupational Health and Safety
<b>OIE</b>	World Organisation for Animal Health
<b>PCR</b>	Polymerase chain reaction
<b>PEES</b>	Probability of entry, establishment and spread
<b>PFA</b>	Pest free area
<b>PFGE</b>	Pulsed-field gel electrophoresis
<b>PMD</b>	Performance Management and Development initiative
<b>PPE</b>	Partial probability of entry
<b>PPEES</b>	Partial probability of entry, establishment and spread
<b>PPES</b>	Partial probability of entry and spread
<b>PPS</b>	Partial probability of spread
<b>PRA</b>	Pest risk analysis
<b>QFFQ</b>	Qualitative Food Frequency Questionnaire, a component of the 1997 NNS
<b>QHealth</b>	Queensland Health
<b>QUADS</b>	Food Safety Quadrilateral meetings involving Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States

<b>RDI</b>	Recommended Dietary Intake- a level for each nutrient which is recommended to be met by healthy individuals every day
<b>RIS</b>	Regulation Impact Statement
<b>RMF</b>	Risk Management Framework
<b>SA Health</b>	South Australian Department of Health
<b>SARDI</b>	South Australian Research and Development Institute
<b>SDC</b>	Standard Development Committee
<b>SES</b>	Senior Executive Service
<b>SFQ</b>	Safe Food Queensland
<b>SPS Agreement</b>	WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
<b>SPS</b>	Sanitary and phytosanitary
<b>Tas DPIWE</b>	Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment, Tasmania
<b>Tas Health</b>	Department of Health and Human Services, Tasmania
<b>TFA</b>	Trans fatty acids
<b>TGA</b>	Therapeutic Goods Administration
<b>UK</b>	United Kingdom
<b>US</b>	United States of America
<b>USDA</b>	United States Department of Agriculture (United States)
<b>USDA</b>	Department of Agriculture (USA)
<b>USFDA</b>	United States Food and Drug Administration
<b>VBNC</b>	Viable, but not culturable
<b>VCEC</b>	Victorian Competition and Efficiency Committee which during 2007-2009 recommended a new regulatory framework to simplify food laws in the Australian State of Victoria.

<b>Vic DPI</b>	Department of Primary Industries, Victoria
<b>WA Health</b>	Department of Health, Western Australia
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization
<b>WTO Agreement</b>	Marrakesh Agreement establishing the World Trade Organization
<b>WTO</b>	World Trade Organization