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Specialising in Food Safety

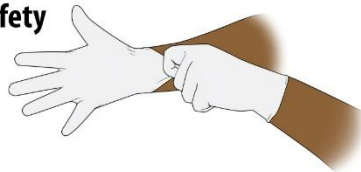
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Wearing Gloves for Food Safety



For those of us in the food industry, we can all agree there is overusage of disposable gloves. Often disposable gloves are misused and can potentially cause a cross contamination risk.

[Read me.](#)

RECALL ALERT

Media released food recalls of **February 2019**:

- Microbial Contamination (E.Coli) | [Feta](#)
- Potential Injury (Top Pop Open) | [Kombucha](#)
- Undeclared Allergen (Gluten) | [Gorilla Munch Cereal](#)
- Potential Injury (Top Pop Open) | [Kombucha](#)



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FSANZ has called for submissions on the following applications:

- **A1159** Triacylglycerol lipase from *Trichoderma reesei* as a processing aid (enzyme). Submissions by 6pm (Canberra time) 19 March

FSANZ has summarised work currently being undertaken:

- **A1172** Enzymatic production of Rebaudioside D

FSANZ Recall Action Officers

The [FSANZ Recall Action Officers](#) list has been updated to edition 31-01-19.

Amendment Number 184

Amendment Number 184 to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code was published by FSANZ on 27 February 2019.

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NEWS

MQA Updates: Food Fraud Notifications has been updated to [February 2019](#).

GFSI News: GFSI has released a roundup of the recent [18th GFSI Conference](#) held in France in February.

Allergen Bureau: Faecal transplants help uncover the link between gut health and food allergies
An international research collaboration previously found that children with allergy to cow's milk have markedly different bacteria in their gut than healthy children. [Read me.](#)

Bags to Break Down with Food Waste

South Australian plastics manufacturer [BioBag World Australia](#) will start producing compostable bags for food waste as the state moves to eliminate single-use plastics.

Baking: Lemon Juice, White Wine Help Inhibit Browning in Dough

Using a combination of white wine and lemon juice to inhibit polyphenol oxidase activity and enzymatic browning. News by [IFT](#).

Beyond Blue

Burnout is a feeling of complete exhaustion and can make you withdraw from other people and develop a cynical attitude – especially towards your work. Burnout can cause you to delay tasks that would have once been easy. In severe cases, burnout might make it hard for you to function at all. [Read me.](#)

Changed: Air Cargo Security Measures

By 1 March 2019, all air cargo being transported overseas from Australia will need to be examined at piece-level (box, carton, other similar item) or originate from a Known Consigner. [Read me.](#)

EU: Relooking at Phthalates in Food Contact Materials

The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) is launching a public consultation on the draft update of its 2005 risk assessments of five phthalates which are authorised for use in plastic food contact materials. [Read me.](#)

FIAL: Labour Market Conditions for 2017-2018

Check out detailed [ABS and Government jobs data](#), for the November 2018 quarter and employment projections for 2018-2023.

Gluten-Free Global Standard

BRC Global Standards company have just released the latest issue of the Gluten-Free Certification Program (GFCP) Global Standard. You are able to download it for free for a limited time only via [Allergen Control Group](#).

National Allergy Strategy

The National Allergy Strategy proposes that a shared care model approach may be required to improve access to health care for people living with allergic conditions in Australia. [Read me.](#)

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SUPPORT PROGRAMS

- AIFA | Allergy and Immunology Foundation of Australasian [Grant](#)
- Business Vic | [Managing Energy Costs](#)
- CSIRO's [SME Connect](#)
- EMDG | [Export Market Development Grants](#)
- **NEW:** NSW Only: [Manufacturing Efficiency Funding](#)
- **NEW:** NSW Only: [Waste Less, Recycle More](#)
- Queensland Businesses: [Small Business Grants](#)
- [Victorian Salt Reduction Innovation Grants](#)

LEARNING MATERIAL

Websites to Learn From, Reading Material, and Webinars

- [Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia](#)
- Allergen Bureau | [Risk Review](#)
- [E-Waste Infrastructure](#)
- FSANZ [Food Allergen Portal](#)
- [Waste Management Review Magazine](#)
- Allergy Facts | [Travelling with Allergies](#)
- Free online training: [All about allergens](#)
- [2017 Foreign Policy White Paper](#)
- CSIRO [Food and Agribusiness Roadmap 2017](#)
- [Disease information and advice](#)
- FIAL: [An overview of 16 global opportunities for Australian food and agribusinesses](#)
- FSANZ [Compendium of Microbiological Criteria for Food](#)
- FSANZ [Safe Food Australia](#) - A Guide to the Food Safety Standards
- [Packaging for Sustainability](#)

CALENDAR

- [FSANZ Biennial Stakeholder](#) | Sydney | 5 March
- [CSIRO: Proteins for Food and Health](#) | Melbourne | 6 March
- [FIAL](#) | Market Diversification Workshop | Various Locations | Various Dates
- [CSIRO: Proteins for Food and Health](#) | Adelaide | 7 March
- [CSIRO: Proteins for Food and Health](#) | Sydney | 13 March
- [Global Harmonisation Initiative](#) | The Netherlands | 24-28 March
- [Aus Pack 2019](#) | Melbourne | 26-29 March
- [Safety and an Ageing Workforce](#) | Melbourne | 27 March
- [Smart Energy](#) | Sydney | 2-3 April
- [Water Industry Operations](#) | Sydney | 3-4 April
- Food Safety Summit | USA | 6-9 May
- OZ Water | Melbourne | 7-9 May
- HOFEX | Hong Kong | 10 May
- Allergen Management | Melbourne | 13-16 May
- IFT 19 | USA | 2-5 June
- Australian Biosecurity | Gold Coast | 12-13 June

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CONSUMER TIPS

Reheating Food

Food poisoning, with its symptoms of vomiting, diarrhoea and stomach cramps, is a very unpleasant illness from which most of us will recover.

Make sure you are reheating food correctly... read from [FSANZ](#).



Can You Get a Disease from Eating Raw Egg?

Yes, yes you can. It's called Salmonella enteritidis. [Better Health](#) can provide you with some information on the dangers of raw egg. [NSW Food Authority](#) can also provide you with guidance on how to safely make raw egg dishes.



MQA IS HUNTING

MQA is always looking for the best way to service our customers. We are often updating our own systems and supplier data base as we grow.

We are looking for food safety/quality specialists to join our team (auditors, technologists, labelling, etc.). Please feel free to contact Janette Hughes on mobile 0466 377 371 or janette@melbournega.com to discuss how we can potentially work together.

DEALS

Promotional deal code **MQA201610**: Complimentary 1-hour quote and 20% off first project.

MQA

Food safety programs implemented by MQA:

HACCP-based standards, SQF, Client-based standards (due to confidentiality, MQA is not permitted to publicise standards. Please feel free to contact us to discuss further).

Services include food safety consultancy and internal auditing of the above food safety programs.

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