



**MQA** Melbourne Quality Assurance  
Specialising in Food Safety

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# MQA Newsletter

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## Preventing a Global Recycling Armageddon

Recycling has become as entrenched in the household routine as emptying the mailbox or locking the front door. Until now, perhaps. [Read me.](#)

## RECALL ALERT

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

- **Human Safety** (Exceed Marked Alcohol Content, Pop Open) | [Ginger Beer](#)
- **Potentially Contaminated** | [Talley's Mussels](#)
- **Possible Presence of Gluten** | [Noshu Sugar Free Fudgy Brownies Mix](#)
- **Undeclared Allergen (Milk)** | [Naturli' and Funky Fields Vegan Spread](#)



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FSANZ has called for submissions on these applications:

- **A1155** 2'-FL and LNnT in infant formula and other products. Submissions by 6pm (Canberra time) 02 September
- **A1176** Enzymatic production of Steviol Glycosides. 08 October

FSANZ has completed an administrative assessment and accepted these applications and proposals:

- **A1183** Enzymatic production of Rebaudioside E
- **A1184** Glucoamylase from GM *Aspergillus niger*
- **A1185** Alpha-amylase from *Aspergillus niger*
- **A1186** Soy Leghemoglobin in meat product
- **P1052** Primary Production and Processing Requirements for High-risk Horticulture
- **P1053** Food Safety Management tools

### Other FSANZ News

- **Strawberry tampering incident:** FSANZ has (finally) released a [follow up report](#) on the strawberry tampering incident
- **Imported Foods:** [Laws have just been recently updated](#)
- **FSANZ Corporate Plan** has been released for [2019-2020](#)

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## CALENDAR

- [Global Table](#) | Melbourne | 2-6 September
- [ASCIA 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference](#) | Perth | 3-7 September
- [82<sup>nd</sup> Water Industry Conference](#) | Bendigo | 4-5 Sep.
- [Food and Environmental Symposium](#) | Sydney | 6 September
- [AOAC](#) | USA | 6-12 September
- [Fine Food Australia](#) | Sydney | 9-12 September
- [Nuttfield](#) | Brisbane | 17-19 September
- [ICEF13](#) | Melbourne | 23-26 September
- [Vitafoods Asia](#) | Singapore | 25-26 September
- [Waste Education Conference](#) | Geelong | 15-16 Oct.
- [IoT Impact](#) | Sydney | 15-16 October
- [K2019](#) | Germany | 16-23 October
- [Ocean Planet Conference](#) | USA | 18-19 October
- [Prahran Market Cheese Festival](#) | Melbourne | 20 Oct.
- [Cibus Tec](#) | Italy | 22-25 October
- [Waste Expo Australia](#) | Melbourne | 23-24 October
- [All Energy Australia](#) | Melbourne | 23-25 October
- [ISSA Cleaning and Hygiene Expo](#) | Melb. | 23-25 Oct.
- [Australian Technologies Competition](#) | Melb. | 29 Oct.
- [Waste and Recycling Expo](#) | Sydney | 30-31 October
- [SQF Annual Conference](#) | USA | 5-7 November
- [TropAg](#) | Brisbane | 11-13 November
- [Food and Hotel China](#) | China | 11-14 November
- [ChemLinked Food Regulatory Conference](#) | Sydney | 20 November
- [AgriFutures Evoke AG](#) | Melbourne | 18-19 February 2020

## CONSUMER TIPS

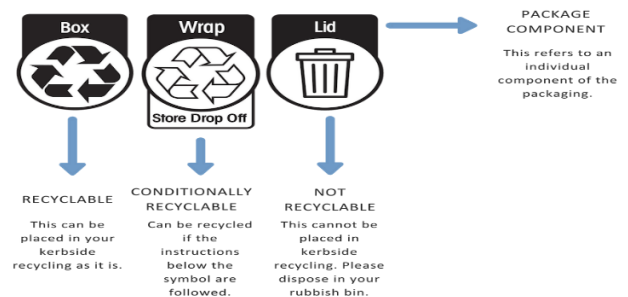
### Fermenting Food at Home

It's trendy and healthy... it's one of the new things to do that screams out you're living a wholesome lifestyle... fermentation.... But please, should you practice this at home, follow these food safety tips from [Food Safety Information Council](#).



### Australasian Recycling Label

The [Australasian Recycling Label](#) (ARL) is an evidence-based labelling system for Australia and New Zealand that provides easy to understand instructions about how to correctly dispose of every part of a product's packaging.



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## BUSINESS SUPPORT

### Business Support Programs and Grants

- Business Vic | [Managing Energy Costs](#)
- **\*\* NEW \*\*** Business Vic | [SME Export Hubs](#)
- CSIRO's [SME Connect](#)
- EMDG | [Export Market Development Grants](#)
- FIAL | [Building Healthier Foods Grants](#)
- FIAL and Mars | [Seeds of Change Accelerator](#)
- **NSW Only:** [Waste Less, Recycle More](#) or [Circulate](#)
- Queensland Businesses: [Small Business Grants](#)
- [Victorian Salt Reduction Innovation Grants](#)

### Great Websites to Learn From

- Allergen Bureau | [Risk Review](#)
- [Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia](#)
- Free online training: [All about allergens](#)
- FSANZ [Food Allergen Portal](#)
- [Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group](#)
- [IFT Free Learning | Overcoming Clean Label Challenges](#)
- [Sustainability Victoria: eWaste Infrastructure](#)
- [Sustainability Victoria: Love Food Hate Waste](#)
- [Waste Management Review Magazine](#)

### Reading Material | Webinars

- [Disease information and advice](#)
- FSANZ [Compendium Microbiological Criteria for Food](#)
- FSANZ [Safe Food Australia](#)

## NEWS

**MQA Updates:** MQA Food Integrity Notifications has been updated to [August 2019](#).

### GFSI News:

- Repeated news (because it's important) June 2019: FSSC 22000 published [Version 5](#) of its Scheme
- GFSI is opening a new stakeholder consultation for standard IFS (scope extension), against the GFSI Benchmarking Requirements Version 7.2. [To participate](#)

### Allergen Bureau: Coeliac News Round-Up

Several interesting and exciting developments relating to gluten and coeliac disease have been published recently. Updates by [Allergen Bureau](#).

### APCO Working Groups

To help you reach your 2025 National Packaging Targets, please refer to the APCO [Working Group](#) page.

### Aspartame

A paper published by University of Sussex researchers has revealed that Nutrasweet has not been adequately proven to be safe for human consumption. Article by [Food Processing](#).

### ANZ Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation

[Communiqué of outcomes](#) from the Australia and New Zealand Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation meeting held on 16 August 2019.

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### Data61 Brings Waste Marketplace to the Nation

Data61, the data and digital specialist arm of CSIRO, is an online marketplace that intelligently matches businesses with potential remanufacturers, purchasers or recyclers to find new purposes for waste. [Learn more.](#)

### EFSA Finds Chlorpyrifos Does Not Meet Criteria for Renewal

The pesticide chlorpyrifos could be banned in Europe from next year after the European Food Safety Authority said it does not meet criteria for renewal. Article by [Food Safety News](#).

### Foodborne Pathogen Sheltered by Harmless Bacteria That Support Biofilm Formation

Pathogenic bacteria that stubbornly lurk in some apple-packing facilities may be sheltered and protected by harmless bacteria that are known for their ability to form biofilms. By [Barf Blog](#).

### Food Packaging: Laser or inkjet?

When it comes to investing in coding technology, that's the first and most important decision. But if you're trying to choose between laser and inkjet, how do you know which one is better? Article by [Matthews](#).

### Food Regulation: Sugar Labelling

The ANZ Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation have finalised their policy paper on [Labelling of sugars on packaged foods and drinks](#).

### CSIRO: Reducing Waste in Our Oceans

Our researchers are investigating the relationship between humans and our environment. Our focus is on sources and amounts of plastics around Australia and the world. [Read and watch me.](#)

### Labour Hire Authority

From [30 October 2019](#) substantial penalties will apply to labour hire providers who don't have a licence or a licence application pending and businesses that use unlicensed providers.

### Recycling

Barry Cosier, director of sustainability for the Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC) tells [Food & Beverage Industry News](#) why there needs to be a rethink on how Australia recycles.

### Waste Reduction

Need some help or inspiration on reducing the amount of waste produced? Take notes from [City of Melbourne](#).

### WHO Reports on the Microplastics We're Drinking

According to a report by the World Health Organization (WHO), we're all drinking microplastics, with the effects on human health largely unknown. Article by [Sustainability Matters](#).

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