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How to Purchase Major Equipment

If you're making a major purchase, you need to do some research to make sure you're buying the right thing but don't rely on referrals from the supplier or online reviews. [Read me.](#)



RECALL ALERT

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

- Microbial Contamination (Salmonella Weltevreden) | [Core Powerfoods Frozen Meals](#)
- May Cause an Injury | [Brown Brothers King Valley Prosecco Rose](#)

FOOD STANDARDS
Australia New Zealand
Te Mana Kounga Kai – Ahitereiria me Aotearoa



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FSANZ has called for submissions on these applications:

- **P1054** Pure and highly concentrated caffeine products. Submissions by 6pm (Canberra time) 14 November

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

- **A1184** Glucoamylase from GM *Aspergillus niger* (donor *Trametes cingulata*)
- **A1185** Alpha-amylase from *Aspergillus niger* as a PA (enzyme)
- **A1189** White Mineral Oil as a Processing Aid for dust suppression in grain
- **A1190** 2'-FL in infant formula and other products
- **A1191** Mono- and diglycerides of fatty acids (471) as a surface coating

FSANZ has approved variations arising from the following applications:

- **A1163** Food Irradiation definition of herbs and spices
- **A1169** Alpha-glucosidase from *Trichoderma reesei* as a PA (enzyme)

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CALENDAR

- [Innovation Food Conference](#) | Germany | 7 October
- [Valuing Agriculture's Natural Capital Roundtable](#) | Canberra | 15 October
- [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
- [Prahara 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
- [ECO Expoa Asia](#) | Jong Kong | 30 Oct-2 Nov
- [SQF Annual Conference](#) | USA | 5-7 November
- [Food Safety Week](#) | Online | 9-16 November
- [TropAg](#) | Brisbane | 11-13 November
- [Food and Hotel China](#) | China | 11-14 November
- [ChemLinked Food Regulatory Conference](#) | Sydney | 20 November
- [Pause Fest](#) | Melbourne | 5-7 February 2020
- [Gulfood](#) | Dubai | 16-20 February 2020
- [AgriFutures Evoke AG](#) | Melbourne | 18-19 Feb 2020
- [FHA Food and Beverage](#) | Singapore | 31 Mar-3 Apr '20
- [Mega Trans \(Logistics\)](#) | Melbourne | 1-3 April 2020

CONSUMER TIPS

Climate Change

Big buzz words, putting people on edge... but what does it mean exactly? [Australian Academy of Science](#) has a publication that explains the science of climate change.



For Peanut Allergy Sufferers – Possible Good News

New drug could make peanuts less dangerous for some kids. A new medication for people afflicted with life-threatening peanut allergies may offer them the chance to do something as normal as to walk to the store with friends to get ice cream. Article by [Food Safety News](#).



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BUSINESS SUPPORT

Business Support Programs and Grants

- Business Vic | [Managing Energy Costs](#)
- CSIRO's [SME Connect](#)
- EMDG | [Export Market Development Grants](#)
- FIAL | [Building Healthier Foods Grants](#)
- FIAL and Mars | [Seeds of Change Accelerator](#)
- **** New **** [Manufacturing Academy](#)
- **NSW Only:** [Waste Less, Recycle More](#) or [Circulate](#)
- Queensland Businesses: [Small Business Grants](#)
- **** New **** [Small-Scale and Craft Program](#)
- [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](#)
- **** New **** [VIC Bag Ban](#)
- [Sustainability Victoria: Love Food Hate Waste](#)
- [Waste Management Review Magazine](#)

Reading Material | Webinars

- [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](#)

ABOUT MQA

Products

Food safety programs implemented by MQA:

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

Services

- Food safety and quality assurance support
- **GHP audits** (site inspections)
- **Internal auditing** (food safety plan reviews/verifications)
- **Label reviews**
- **PIF** version 6 (online tool via [Bizcaps](#))
- **Product development** (risk assessments, recipe instructions/cards, labelling, product specifications)
- QA Manager-role

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NEWS

MQA Updates

MQA Food Integrity Notifications has been updated to [October 2019](#).

GFSI News

V8 of the GFSI Benchmarking Requirements is set to be released February 2020. [YouTube](#).

3D Printing of Chocolate, A New Approach

Advances in three-dimensional (3D) printing technology have focused on edible material, enabling it to be shaped into unique and complex 3D designs. Article by [Food Processing](#) with link to science paper.

Allergen Bureau

Allergen Bureau has released [VITAL® Program Version 3.0](#) and all new Allergen Management Resources

APCO Case Study:

Coca-Cola Amatil on Reaching the 2025 Targets

All of Coca-Cola Amatil's (CCA) bottles, caps and lids are now 100% recyclable with 7 out of 10 of all bottles to be made with 100% recycled materials by 2020. [Watch the video for inspiration](#) for your own sustainable packaging ideas.

Circular Economy: Woolworths and Loop

Woolworths and TerraCycle have launched a partnership to bring the 'Loop' zero-waste shopping platform to Australia in 2021. Read it: [Food Processing](#) and [TerraCycle](#)

FDA Food Defence Plan Builder

FDA has recently updated their free food defence plan builder. [To check it out](#).

Labour Hire Authority

If you supply workers to another business in any industry or occupation, including commercial cleaning, you may be a labour hire provider under the law. Labour hire providers have until 29 October 2019 to apply for a licence to continue operating in Victoria or face major penalties. [Head to website](#).

PIF Survey by AFGC

The AFGC is conducting a survey on PIF V6.0 to gather information to assist with the continuing roll out of the online version. [Survey Monkey](#).

Plastic Bag Ban: Commenced 1st November

The bag ban applies to all retailers in Victoria. [Read me](#).

Skills Impact

- Various **drafts** are now available for review and comment relating to the meat industry: [Meat Processing](#) – [Game Harvesting](#) – [Halal Meat Processing](#) – [Poultry Processing](#)
- **Development** stage: Collecting initial feedback on [Food & Beverage Processing Skills](#)

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