



The New Zealand Food Regulatory Environment

New Zealand has a well-deserved reputation for a safe food supply.

Two organisations share the primary responsibility for protecting consumers:

New Zealand Food Safety Authority and Food Standards Australia New Zealand

This booklet outlines the roles of each organisation and the linkages they share.



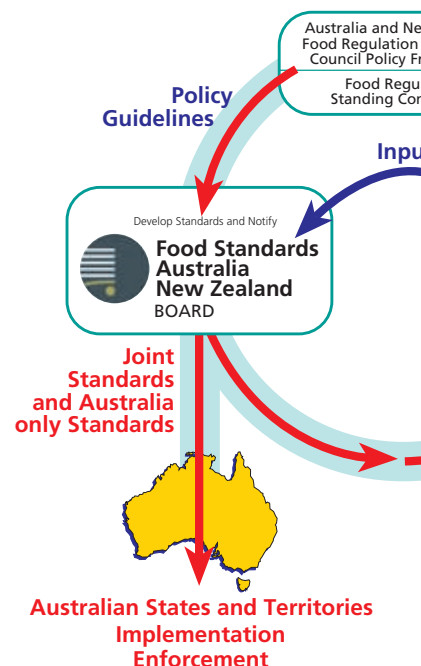
FOOD STANDARDS
Australia New Zealand
Te Mana Kounga Kai – Ahitereiria me Aotearoa

The New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA) has responsibility for the protection of New Zealanders' health and safety and the facilitation of commerce and international market access.

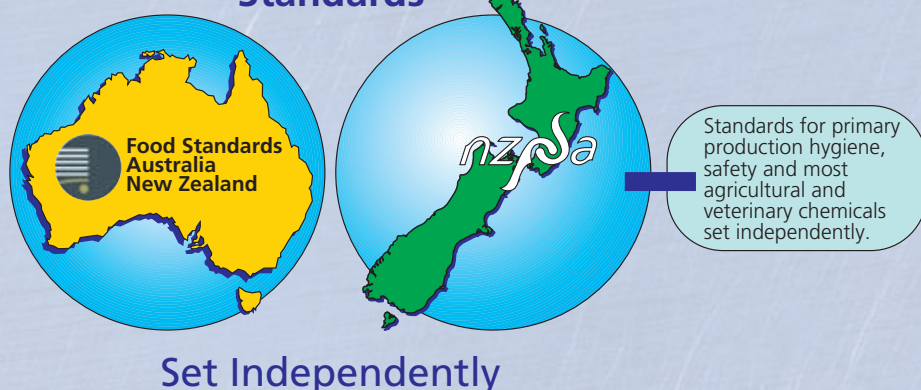
NZFSA ensures that the food New Zealand produces, exports and imports is safe and suitable for our domestic and international consumers.

Its role includes the development of food safety and production standards, representing New Zealand at international food standards and food safety fora, input into the development of joint Australian and New Zealand labelling and compositional standards, implementation of all food standards and policy development and provision of advice on all food-related matters.

Australia and New Zealand



Food Safety and Production Standards



Joint Food Standards



In New Zealand, New Zealand Food Safety Authority is responsible for:

- Development and implementation of food regulations for food safety, primary production and maximum residue levels for agricultural and veterinary chemicals.
- Policy advice to the Australia and New Zealand Food Regulation Ministerial Council.
- Input into the development of food composition and labelling standards and conduct New Zealand specific research and surveys.
- Represent New Zealand in international, regional and bilateral negotiations on food safety and food standards.
- Bring the Food Standards Code into law and publish it and interpretative guides to the Code.
- Regulate import and export of food.
- Implement and enforce the Joint Food Standards Code and all food safety and production regulations.
- Manage food emergencies.

The Food Regulatory Process

New Zealand Food Safety Authority and



and Joint Food Standards



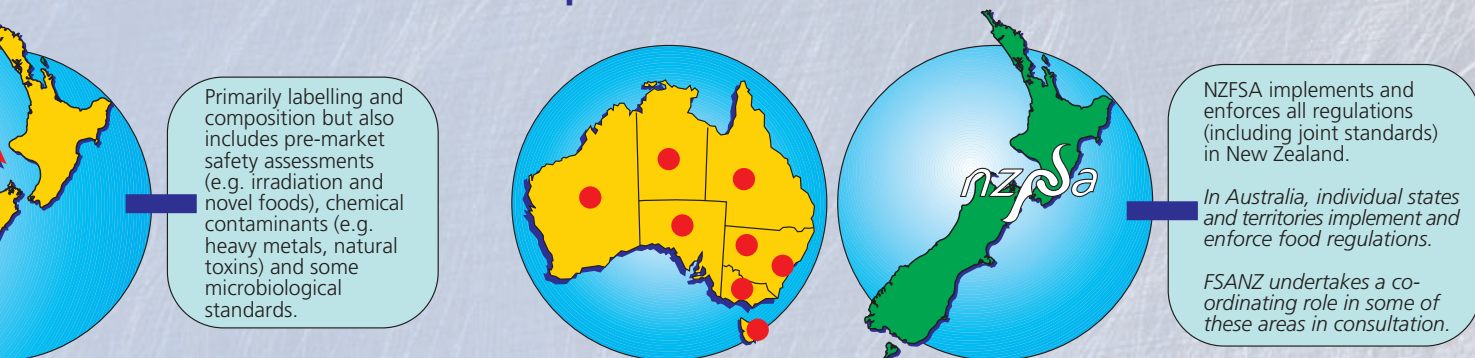
Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) contributes to a safe and healthy food supply by developing effective food standards for both New Zealand and Australia. Its decisions are based on the rigorous scientific assessment of risk to public health and safety.

FSANZ develops food standards with advice from NZFSA, input from stakeholders and consistent with food regulatory policies issued by the Australia and New Zealand Food Regulation Ministerial Council.

In New Zealand, NZFSA enforces these standards the way the state and territory governments do in Australia.

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Implementation and Enforcement



Implemented and Enforced by NZFSA in New Zealand and States and Territories in Australia

Programme in New Zealand

Food Standards Australia New Zealand.



In New Zealand, Food Standards Australia New Zealand is responsible for:

Food standards addressing food composition, labelling, some chemical and microbiological hazards and pre-market assessment of novel foods and novel food production technologies (eg, genetically modified / irradiated foods).

Scientific and technical advice to the Australia and New Zealand Food Regulation Ministerial Council.

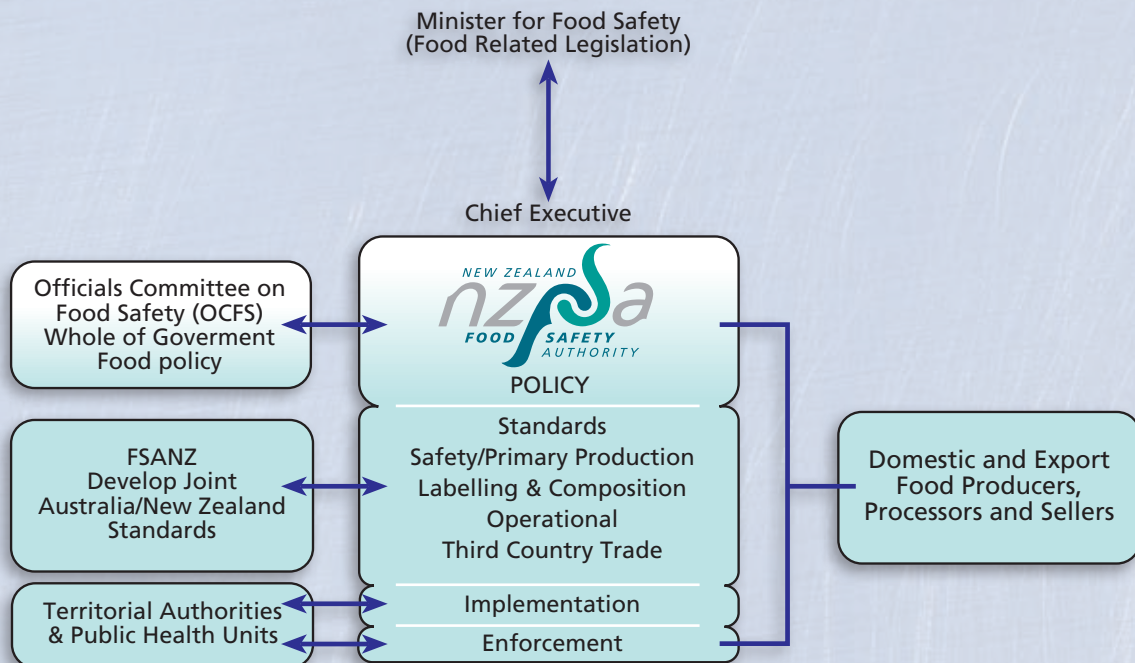
Publish the Food Standards Code and interpretative guides to the code.

Represent Australia in international, regional and bilateral negotiations on food standards.

Conduct research and surveys relevant to food standards.



NZFSA Linkages



'Safety' in food involves a raft of processes and requirements from production to consumption, using a science-based risk management approach.

Safe food in New Zealand is, in part, a partnership between the New Zealand Food Safety Authority and Food Standards Australia New Zealand with on-the-ground input from district health boards, local authorities and verification and audit agencies.

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