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Administrative Assessment Report – Proposal P1060

Egg Food Safety & Primary Production Requirements

1. Proposal details

Brief description of Proposal: To consider amending the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to provide new and/or amended food safety and primary production requirements for eggs and egg products.		Potentially affected Standards: Standards: 1.6.1, 2.2.2, 4.2.5 Schedule: 27
Procedure: General	Estimated total variable hours: 5122 hours Reasons why: The proposal will require complex risk assessment and risk management, economic assessment, legal expertise and communications work involving several sections of FSANZ. Consultation with state and local government, the egg production and processing industries, retailers and consumer groups will be required. Development of industry guidance material to support industry to meet the requirements of the Code and to demonstrate alignment with jurisdictional compliance arrangements will require resourcing beyond approval and gazettal of anticipated changes to the Code.	Estimated start date: May 2022

2. Decision [completed after Delegate has made their decision under section 55 of the FSANZ Act 1991]

Proposal prepared
Date: 20 May 2022

3. Consultation & assessment timeframe

Proposed length of public consultation period:

One consultation for a minimum of 6 weeks.

Specific consultation mechanisms will include:

- A Scientific Advisory Group for Eggs (SAGE), to provide advice on scope and data sources for the microbiological risk assessment.
- An Egg Standard Development Advisory Group (EggSDAG), comprised of jurisdictional and industry representatives, to provide input on risk management and economic and social analyses.
- A subset of the EggSDAG comprised of FSANZ, regulators, industry and Australian Eggs—to develop suitable industry guidance materials aimed at assisting businesses to meet the requirements of the Code and to demonstrate alignment with jurisdictional compliance arrangements
- Industry visits and other targeted consultations, as required.
- The Implementation Sub-committee for food regulation (ISFR) is also expected to establish an egg implementation working group under the integrated model for the development of primary production and processing standards.

Proposed timeframe for assessment:

General Procedure:

Commence assessment	20 May 2022
Public comment	April–May 2023
Board to complete approval	Early December 2023
Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting (FMM)	Mid-December 2023
Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Late February 2024