

Consistent Enforcement: Draft Australia New Zealand Enforcement Policy

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Why develop an Enforcement Policy?

- Provide a basis for regulators to adopt a consistent approach to the application of Enforcement provisions against food businesses.

The Australia and New Zealand Enforcement Policy

- Developed as part of the ISC Workplan *Strategy for Consistent Implementation of Food Regulation in Australia.*
- Advises on consistency in approach for food regulatory enforcement activity.

Consistent approach

- Graduated, proportionate approach advocated.
- Lighter measures applied in the first instance.
- Policy is a risk based approach to non-compliance and does not result in the automatic adoption of stronger measures in the first instance.

Draft Enforcement Toolbox

- Appended to the Policy as a guideline.
- Provides advice on possible enforcement tools that may be used by regulators.

Draft Enforcement Policy and Toolbox endorsed by ISC

- The Draft Australia New Zealand Enforcement Policy and Enforcement Toolbox was endorsed by ISC in November 2008.
- A 3-6 month operative trial within state/territory and Local Government areas has been undertaken.

Trial of the Draft Policy

- 14 regulatory bodies participated in the trial.
- Trial concluded on 31 May 2009.
- Feedback from trial participants currently being examined.

The next steps

- The Policy will be represented to ISC for final endorsement.
- Policy will then be presented to FRSC.

Your feedback on the concept of the
Draft Enforcement Policy would be
appreciated.