

Actions that are underway as a result of feedback

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2008 Stakeholder Forum

Stakeholders' concerns broadly categorised:

- Communication with stakeholders;
- A need for consistent implementation and enforcement; and
- Politicisation of food regulation, and lack of transparency in decisions to review draft standards.

What did we hear?



Communications

- Annual Stakeholder forums
- Food Regulation Secretariat Newsletter
- Amendment to the Principles and Protocols for the development of policy guidelines, including:
 - Improved coordination and consultation
 - Early consideration of implementation issues
 - Inclusion of technical and scientific expertise during development
 - Greater rigour in reporting requirements

Transparency

- COAG is currently considering improvements to transparency of decision-making in instances where the Ministerial Council requests a review.
- The FRSC Strategic Planning Working Group to establish a process for prioritising policy and standards development
- Overarching Strategic Statement for the Food Regulatory System
- FRSC Strategic Plan 2009 – 2014

Consistency issues

- Alignment of FSANZ and APVMA MRLs
- COAG initiative for consistent interpretation and enforcement



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