

Global Fresh Produce Regulatory Food Safety Standards Register (current as of June 2016)

Category	Developer/ Owner	Scope	Comment	Weblink
Australian Food Standards Code	Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)	<p>Food safety standards place obligations on Australian food businesses to produce food that is safe and suitable to eat. A food business is any business or activity that involves the handling of any type of food for sale, or the sale of food.</p> <p>The standards also contain health and hygiene obligations for food handlers.</p> <p>Charity and community groups, temporary events and home-based businesses are exempt from some of the requirements in the food safety standards.</p> <p>FSANZ has developed separate standards for food businesses in the primary production and processing sectors.</p>	<p>Independent certification to a HACCP-based food safety program would meet the compliance requirements of the Australian regulator for 'food businesses'.</p> <p>The definition of food businesses includes farm-based businesses that retail fresh produce direct to consumers and those that conduct on-farm processing.</p> <p>Primary producers that grow and pack are specifically exempt from the food safety standards but there is provision for them to be included. As of 2016, standards for eggs and egg products, seafood, poultry meat, meat and meat products, dairy and seed sprouts have been developed and implemented.</p> <p>Currently, the only plant-based sector with a production and processing standard is seed sprouts. Fresh fruit, vegetable and nut businesses are indirectly implicated by virtue of the approved supplier programs of food businesses. All retailer, wholesaler and most processor approved supplier programs require suppliers to be certified to a HACCP-based, independently audited and usually GFSI-equivalent food safety program.</p> <p>A proposal for horticultural production was considered but did not progress. FSANZ considered that the current (high) levels of food safety certification, through the industry coverage by the approved supplier programs of retailers, wholesalers and processors, adequately covered the sector.</p> <p>It is estimated that greater than 75% of Australian fresh produce production is covered by independently audited certification to HACCP-based standards.</p>	https://www.comlaw.gov.au/Search/Australia%20New%20Zealand%20Food%20Standards
		Specific provisions for <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	In 2014, FSANZ amended the Food Standards Code by including limits for <i>L. monocytogenes</i> in RTE foods based	Approval Report – Proposal P1017 Criteria for <i>Listeria</i>

			<p>on whether growth of <i>L. monocytogenes</i> can or will not occur in the RTE food:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTE foods in which growth of <i>L. monocytogenes</i> will not occur (less than 100 cfu/g). • RTE foods in which growth of <i>L. monocytogenes</i> can occur (not detected in 25 g). <p>This approach recognises that the potential for foods to support growth of <i>L. monocytogenes</i> is a main factor in the risk of acquiring listeriosis. For foods in which the growth of <i>L. monocytogenes</i> will not occur, occasional low level detections (less than 100 cfu/g) do not present a public health risk.</p> <p>The (not detected in 25 g) Standard applies to RTE produce that has not been treated with a listericidal process and is destined for consumption without cooking. This would include minimally processed produce items such as all packaged and loose freshcut fruit and vegetables.</p>	<p><i>monocytogenes</i> – Microbiological Limits for Foods http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/proposals/Documents/P1017-MicroAppR.pdf</p> <p>Supporting Document 1. Guidance on the application of microbiological criteria for <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> in RTE food (at Approval) http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/proposals/Documents/P1017-MicroAppR-SD1.pdf</p> <p>Supporting document 2. Scientific basis for <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> limits – Proposal P1017 (at Approval) Criteria for <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> – Microbiological Limits for Foods http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/proposals/Documents/P1017-MicroAppR-SD2.pdf</p>
Canada	<i>Food and Drugs Act (FDA) and Food and Drugs Regulations (FDR)</i>	Food Provisions - Prohibits sale of food that: has in or on it any poisonous or harmful substance; is unfit for human consumption; consists in whole or in part of any filthy, putrid, disgusting, rotten, decomposed or diseased animal or vegetable substance; is adulterated; or was manufactured, prepared, preserved, packaged or stored under unsanitary conditions. FDR also includes Allergen labelling provisions		<p>Act : http://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/F-27/index.html</p> <p>Regulations: http://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.%2C_c._870/index.html</p>
	<i>Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Regulations</i>	Regulations Respecting the Grading, Packing and Marking of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Includes: Health and Safety provisions (for marketing of product including preparation in sanitary manner, not contaminated...)		http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._285/FullText.html
	Policy on <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to stakeholders regarding verification and control, as well		http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/legislation/pol/policy_listeria

	in Ready-to-Eat (RTE) foods (2011)	as regulatory oversight and compliance activities of RTE foods with respect to their potential to support the growth of <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> .		monocytogenes_2011-eng.php
	<i>Safe Food for Canadians Act</i>	Consolidates food provisions, new prohibitions on food tampering, increased traceability requirements, licencing food importers, prevention of imports that pose health risk	Royal assent in 2012 – Comes into force when Safe Food for Canadians Regulations are enacted	http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-1.1/index.html
	<i>Safe Food for Canadian Regulations (SFCR)</i>	Will include provisions for Licencing, Food Safety Requirements and Elements, Preventive Control Plan, Traceability, and Commodity Specific Requirements	Pending – Pre publication in Canada Gazette Part 1 Publication anticipated for late 2016	Proposed Regulations - 2015 http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-1.1/index.html
United Kingdom Food Safety Standards	UK Food Standards Agency	<p>The majority of UK food safety legislation is derived from EU legislation.</p> <p>Food Safety Act 1990 (as amended): provides framework for all food legislation in Great Britain, with similar legislation applying in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) Regulations 1995</p> <p>Food Safety Temperature Control Regulations 1995</p> <p>Food Standards Act 1999</p> <p>Food Hygiene Regulations 2006</p> <p>The General Food Law Regulation (EC) 178/2002: general food safety</p> <p>General Food Regulations 2004 (as amended): provides for enforcement.</p> <p>EU Regulations 852/2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs: brought primary production into scope of food hygiene for the first time.</p> <p>EU Official Feed and Food Controls Regulation 882/2004: ‘umbrella regulation’ currently under review</p>		http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/16/contents

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<p>United States of America</p>	<p>US Food and Drug Administration</p>	<p>In the United States, Local, State, Tribal and Federal Agencies are responsible for enforcing compliance with food safety laws and regulations for produce raw agricultural commodities (i.e. whole produce) and fresh-cut produce (e.g. bagged salads).</p> <p>United States Federal Authority</p> <p>The United States Food and Drug Administration is the preeminent produce safety regulatory agency in the United States and the agency derives its authority from a number of laws but predominantly from the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFD&C Act), Public Health Service Act, Fair Packaging and Labeling Act, Food Allergen Labeling and Consumer Protection Act, Sanitary Food Transportation Act and others.</p> <p>The USDA Agricultural Marketing Services (AMS) is</p>	<p>Seven major FSMA implementing regulations are briefly described below.</p> <p>1) Produce Safety Regulation: This regulation affects both international and domestic produce growers, in that it establishes science-based standards focused on the growing, harvesting, packing and holding of produce on-farms. The key provision areas include agricultural water quality standards and testing, standards for using raw manure and compost, training, control of domestic and wild animals, equipment, tools, buildings, sanitation as well as worker health and hygiene. This on-farm produce safety regulation is significant in that FDA will now put in place an enforceable implementing regulation which explicitly articulates on-farm standards of conduct for the safe growing, harvesting, packing and holding of fresh produce.</p>	<p>https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-11-27/pdf/2015-28159.pdf</p>

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