

Collaboration in food regulation: Working together for impact

#### Presentation topics

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- 2 Steps in a food recall
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- 4 Required documentation for food recalls
- 5 What to do if the recalled product is exported Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) requirements



# Roles and responsibilities

#### Food business

- Notify the home jurisdiction food enforcement agency that a recall may be needed
- Develop a recall communication plan with the home jurisdiction
- Notify FSANZ and provide relevant information
- Notify trade customers and the public about the recall (for consumer recalls)
- Monitor the recall's effectiveness and keep appropriate records



# Roles and responsibilities

#### Home jurisdiction food enforcement agency

- Determine if a recall is required
- Advise the food business if the recall is to be at trade or consumer level
- Establish a recall communication plan
- Monitor the food business to ensure it is effectively recalling the product(s)



# Roles and responsibilities

#### Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)

- Guide the food business through the process
- Gather and confirm information with the business
- Develop the food recall notice (as requested)
- Disseminate recall information to government and industry stakeholders, including the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)
- Inform consumers website, socials, email subscribers (if required)
- Liaise with jurisdictional recall action officers



# Food Industry Food Recall Protocol

#### Objectives

- 1 Prevent further distribution and sale of the recalled product(s)
- 2 Notify relevant parties, including regulatory bodies, distributors and consumers about the product safety issue
- 3 Recover the recalled product(s) from the market



### Food Industry Food Recall Protocol

#### Content

- 1 Roles and responsibilities of the food businesses and government during a food recall
- 2 Key steps in the food recall process
- 3 Legal requirements for food businesses in relation to food recalls
- 4 Important elements of a food recall plan



### Food Industry Food Recall Protocol

#### Attachments

- 1 How to write a food recall plan
- 2 Contact details for FSANZ and jurisdictional food enforcement agencies
- 3 A flow diagram to assist with deciding if food should be recalled or withdrawn
- 4 Examples of the recall notice

