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Technical Advisory Group



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A Couple of Topics

- Food Safety & Traceability
- IFPS



Many Topics

- Food Safety & Residues
- Traceability Methodologies
- Biosecurity
- Weights & Measures
- Crates & Pallets
- Refrigeration Gases
- IFPS
- Sustainable Farming Fund Project

Biosecurity 2017/18

Engaged with

- Fruit Fly Council
- Government Industry Agreement Process
- National Biosecurity Competency Network



Food Safety & Residues 2017/18

Engaged with

- MPI Food Safety Residue Project
- MPI Chemical & Microbial Assurance Division



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Traceability Methodologies 2017/18

Engaged with

- Sustainable Farming Fund Application
- Internal/External Traceability Models
- Blockchain Concept Debate



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Crates & Pallets 2017/18

Engagement

- Convened health & safety focused crates & pallets meeting attended by crate companies, growers and wholesalers
- Assessed legislative direction and existing produce supply chain activities
- Wrote to Foodstuffs to help understanding the retail perspective



Weights & Measures 2017/18

Engagement

- Met with MBIE Weights & Measures Directorate
- Obtained agreement to develop produce industry specific guide within the legal framework
- Guide available here for you today



Refrigeration Gases 2017/18

Engagement

- Met with Climate Control Companies Association of New Zealand (CCCANZ) and Institute of Refrigeration Heating & Air Conditioning Engineers (IRHACE)
- Came up to speed with Montreal Protocol and Kigali Accords on Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). (not to be confused with Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs))



IFPS 2017/18

Engagement

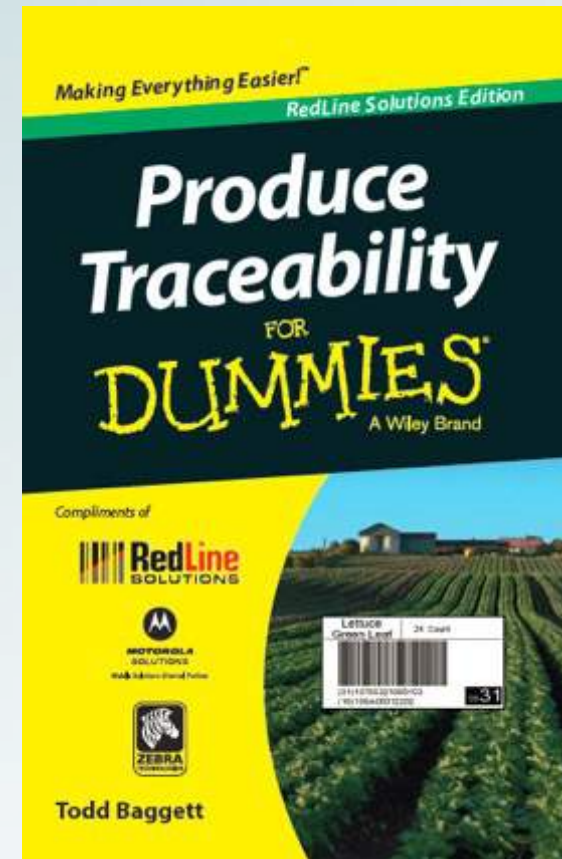
- IFPS representation at Codex, ISO and GFSI
- Presentations at Smart Horticulture Asia, Hong Kong 2017 & Canadian Produce Marketing Association Conference
- Launch of IFPS App for PLU and GPC codes
- National PLU applications will need to be channelled through TAG Group in future
- Co-chair Global Fresh Standards Roundtable at 4th EU Fresh Produce Info Forum, The Hague, November 2018



SFF Project 2018/2021

Engagement

- Notified in January that our application had been unsuccessful
- Advised in late May that due to additional funding in Budget, application was likely to be approved
- Application approved in early June
- Commencement date unchanged – 1 July!
- Strawberry and lettuce supply chains will be researched to gain knowledge applicable across entire industry
- Project Director is Anne-Marie Arts
- In-kind contribution and support from Strawberry Growers NZ, Vegetables New Zealand, Foodstuffs, GS1 & AgriChain Centre



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