
Question 23 (8 marks)

Explain how government legislation and policies affect the Australian food industry.

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A policy is a strategy put in place to benefit the Australian Food Industry (AFI), where as legislation is a law passed by government providing standards and codes for the AFI. Legislations impose strict rules for the AFI i.e. Trade Barriers, Labelling laws, and the use of certain products. ~~It is~~ legislation aims to protect Australians and keep the Australian Food Industry ~~from free from~~ contamination or possible threats. Examples include; Occupational Health and Safety Act, and the Trade Practices Act. Policies within the AFI provide guidelines and strategies for the management of the AFI, this includes the Trade Policy and the National Nutrition Policy, both of which target a specific sector of the Australian Food Industry and aim to improve it i.e. The trade Policy aims to reduce tariffs and eradicate subsidies as well as protect consumers from possible harm financially or health wise.