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Question 23 (8 marks)

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

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Government legislation is the legal/law requirements in the food industry and government policies are the expected agreements/arrangements in the food industry. The Australian food industry must abide by these governmental factors in order to maintain a legal and safe environment for food production and manufacture. Rules and guidelines set out for businesses, food production and retail determine what the food industry can do. Government protects both consumers and manufacturers and opts for equal rights for both. Policies such as prices, health requirements etc affect what can be made and developed. Government law means all products must have a legal label with all nutritional panels and ingredients clearly labeled.