



Weekly Roundup

Here are FSANZ's Media Issues for the week 30/03/17

General

Camel milk ice-cream could be the next big thing in Australia, with dairy farmers investing heavily in value-adding to the already growing camel milk industry by developing a range of cheese, meat and ice cream products. Camel milk could be another alternative for people with bovine dairy allergies as they can generally consume camel's milk, which also has very high levels of vitamin C and A. [Read more.](#)

Labelling

New Zealand health professionals have joined together with an Australasian palm oil campaign and New Zealand and Australian zoos in the call for mandatory labelling of vegetable oils based on public health concerns. [Read more.](#)

Food safety

The Productivity Commission has released its final report on the regulation of agriculture, as part of its nine-month public enquiry into the regulatory burden on farm businesses. Parts of the report look at food and food safety regulation. [Read the report.](#)

Researchers in the UK have found that best-selling cookbooks provide readers with little advice about how to reduce food safety risks, such as internal cooking temperatures, and when they do give advice most of it is inaccurate and not based on sound science. [Read more.](#)

Diet and nutrition

A new weight-loss study has found that significant results can be achieved without counting a single calorie, with one group of participants that ate an unlimited amount of plant-based foods over a 12 week period and did not increase their exercise losing an average of 12 kg compared to zero change noted in a second group that did not change their diet. [Read more.](#)

Ever wondered what doctors and nutrition experts think about the 'hunter-gatherer' style of eating, the paleo diet? According to [this article](#), the verdict isn't good, with experts suggesting that cutting out grain-based foods and legumes is not backed by science and eating more meat than is needed by the body has many risks.

If you want to clean up your diet but feel overwhelmed by the common drastic diet 'overhaul' programs, [this article](#) might be a good place to start—with tips for small tweaks you can easily make to the way you eat without feeling like you're missing out, and switching the focus on to adding more 'good' food over removing so much 'bad' food.

GMO

A university researcher from WA is saying Australia's classification of genetic modification is inhibiting the country's potential for future crop growth, with current legislation including the new plant breeding technology of genome editing under the same umbrella as heavily modified GMO products. [Read more.](#)

Hemp

FSANZ's decision on low TCH hemp seed products for use as a food in Australia has received positive coverage across a number of mediums including radio, print and online. The decision goes to ministers responsible for food regulation in late April. [Read an online story.](#)

Quirky

A home chef in the US is recreating strange foods made famous on TV and in movies—such as the ‘moistmaker’ Thanksgiving turkey leftovers sandwich from Friends, the steak boiled in milk and garnished with jellybeans from It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia, and Kevin’s famous ‘floor’ chili from The Office (completed by being served on carpet to recreate the spill from the episode). Yum! [Read more](#).

Import Industry Advice Notice

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, together with other Australian government departments, is responsible for operations related to importing goods to Australia. The department provides updates and notices that are useful to industry.

This week’s IIAN:

27-Mar-17	28/17	BICON will be unavailable 16:00 to 20:00 (AEDT) Saturday 1st April 2017
	29/17	Imported food reforms – exposure draft legislation
	30/17	Cargo Online Lodgement System, Post Entry Biosecurity System and Online Payment Service Unavailable 9:00pm Friday 31st March 2017 to 01:50am Saturday 1st April 2017 (AEDT)
	31/17	Cargo Online Lodgement System, Post Entry Biosecurity System and Online Payment Service Unavailable 9:30pm to 10:30pm Saturday 1st April 2017 (AEDT) (AEDT)
30-Mar-17	32/17	Severe weather in South East Queensland Update

Australian Border Force

The ABF provides clarity and direction on the overarching intent of trade and goods compliance activities at [Approach to trade and goods compliance](#).

FSANZ

The latest [Notification Circular](#) (09/17) was published on 28 March 2017.

The Circular summarises work currently being undertaken or finalised by FSANZ including:

- **Food derived from DHA Canola Line NS-B50027-4**

NERSANT Business 2017

If you are an importer in the agroindustry sector this event is for you!

NERSANT is a Portuguese Business Association which is inviting Australian import companies to visit Portugal between the 23rd to 25th October to interact with Portuguese exporters in the agroindustry sector. In 2016, 60 companies from 26 countries came to Portugal to do business with us. Visit our website to check the catalogue of products and subscribe your interest: <http://business.nersant.pt/en/>

To know more about the event, send an email to: antonio.ferrao@leadership-bc.com

Companies participating will have their costs (flight and accommodation) covered by NERSANT. Join us in the sixth edition of NERSANT Business.

Rigby Cooke Lawyers

Customers and Trade Alert - Federal Court rolls wheelie bin case back to the AAT

Article: <http://www.rigbycooke.com.au/latest/federal-court-rolls-wheelie-bin-case-back-to-the-aat>



Legislation.gov.au

Biosecurity (Methods of Ballast Water Management) Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Approval 2017
This instrument amends the Biosecurity (Methods of Ballast Water Management) Approval 2016 to provide approval from the Director of Biosecurity for a list of methods of ballast water management that have been approved by a foreign country in accordance with the Ballast Water Convention.

Some or all of this item commenced on 30/03/2017

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L00329>

Biosecurity (Methods of Ballast Water Management) Approval 2016

This instrument's purpose is to list methods of ballast water management that have been approved by a foreign country in accordance with the Ballast Water Convention.

Item was amended

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2016L00858>

International Food Exhibition (IFEX) Philippines 2017 – Asia's Ethnic Food and Ingredients Show

IFEX Philippines is organized by the Philippine Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) through the centre for International Trade Expositions and Missions (CITEM) and the Department of Agriculture – Agribusiness Marketing Assistance Service. IFEX Philippines is the biggest food trade show organized for the food sector by the Philippine government to provide a global platform for a remarkable selection of quality Philippine food products. Held on 19 -21 May 2017 at the World Trade Centre, Pasay City, Metro Manila, Philippines.

http://www.ifexphilippines.com/en/forms/IFEX_2017_Brochure.pdf