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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES

Import Industry Advice Notice

24-Aug-2017 | 79/17

[Commencement of the Australian Fumigation Accreditation Scheme \(AFAS\) in Lao PDR on 1 September 2017](#)

Biosecurity Advice Notice



21- Aug-2017 | 16/17

[Emergency measures for specific sea freight consignments of containerised and break bulk cargoes for Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs from all ports in Europe which load cargo manufactured or stored in Italy](#)

23- Aug-2017 | 16/17

[Commencement of a review of biosecurity import requirements for fresh decrowned pineapple from Taiwan](#)

Important Notice from DAWR

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Season 2017-18

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/industry-advice/2017/76-2017>

Biosecurity Matters Issue 4 - August 2017

This is the **10th** issue since refreshing this electronic newsletter with a new name and format!

Contents:

- Local alpacas 'road test' new quarantine facility
- Helping government make better biosecurity decisions
- Rae glimpse into post entry quarantine
- Protecting our industries from a deadly plant pest
- Gari has happy feet over her new life in Australia
- 2016 a bumper year for airport biosecurity seizures
- Cultivating relationships with our offshore neighbours
- Border Finds - Snail Mail Fail
- Border Finds - Don't play with these toys
- Border Finds - Seeds from space

Read the full articles [here](#).



FOOD STANDARDS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

The latest [Notification Circular \(22-17\)](#) 21 August 2017.



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

- **A1150 - Glucosylated Steviol Glycosides (new application)**
- **P1046 - L-amino acid acetate in Food for Special Medical Purposes (call for submissions)**
- **A1127 – Processing Aids in Wine (Approval and Forum)**

Food Safety Culture Connections - Winter 2017

What's in this edition:

- A message from FSANZ's CEO
- Introducing our guest expert - Dr Lone Jespersen, founder & principal of Cultivate
- Northern Territory perspective
- Recipe for success – A catering company's story
- International recognition for Oz efforts!
- Food Safety Hub
- What's next?

FSANZ - Media issues for the week

Here are the media issues for the week (21 - 27 August 2017)

Food Labelling

In light of an upcoming five-year review of the health star rating system, [this article](#) from Choice looks at some of their suggestions they have for its improvement, saying that some companies are using it to make their unhealthy products look better than they are.

A new study has found that packaged sausages in Canada that are labelled as containing one meat often contain others as well. Up to 20 per cent of sausages were found to be mislabelled, with some sausages labelled as chicken also containing turkey, and one pork sausage also containing horse meat. [Read more.](#)

Food safety

Following last week’s egg contamination scare in Europe, experts in Germany have now said that it is unlikely there will be a health risk for those consuming fipronil-contaminated chicken eggs. Germany's updated assessment was released to ease concerns after levels of the insecticide were found to exceed EU limits in eggs and egg products. [Read more.](#)

A UK public health report has revealed that thousands of Britons a year could be infected by pork products contaminated with hepatitis E, after it found one pre-packed brand of ham and pork sausages from one supermarket were linked to the disease. Between 150,000 and 200,000 UK citizens were infected from pork a year, the report said. [Read more.](#)

Diet and nutrition

Is organic really better when it comes to food and drink, and is it really worth the bigger price tag? In [this article](#) a nutrition expert takes a look at what organic really means and whether we are actually getting better nutrition or taste for the extra money.

What are your thoughts on raising a child on a meat-free diet? [This story](#) hears from two families for whom this is a way of life, with one mother saying that a vegetarian lifestyle is so common in her home country India that no one ever questions whether it is nutritionally adequate or not.

If you are wondering about the best way to reset your diet after a period of overindulgence, [this dietician](#) has shared her suggestions—and it involves cutting caffeine and kicking the week off with a low calorie day.

GM

Genetically modifying crops may be an answer for farmers to cope with increasingly hot weather following the Queensland government’s release of two new climate change plans. Part of a broader agriculture strategy to help farmers protect their properties, livestock and crops, the plans consider options for using GM plants that are better able to withstand high temperatures. Farmers are said to be among the hardest hit by a changing climate. [Read more.](#)

Quirky

So... what if you were to find out that everything you thought you knew about carrots helping improve eyesight was a total lie? Brace yourselves, because [this article](#) has the entire backstory of where the legend was first created and why it was part of a government-initiated wartime campaign to throw off the Germans.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, INNOVATION & SCIENCE

Anti-Dumping Commission

Please [click the link to view](#) commodities that have had documents published on the EPR in the last week.

AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION & CONSUMER COMMISSION

Competition regulator's economy-wide focus

Speaking at a Committee for Economic Development (CEDA) WA event in Perth this morning, ACCC Chairman Rod Sims discussed the wide range of work the regulator is undertaking in a range of industries across the economy. [Read more](#)

BUSINESS CONSULTATION NOTIFICATION

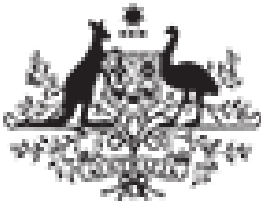
Public consultation on the draft report for the extension of nectarine import risk analysis to peaches, plums and apricots from China – (closes 30 August 2017)



AUSTRALIAN PESTICIDES AND VETERINARY MEDICINES AUTHORITY

APVMA Gazette

[Edition No. 17, 22 August 2017](#) is now available on the APVMA website.



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NSW GOVERNMENT

Department of Primary Industries

Businesses urged: use your noodle when it comes to food safety. Read the full article [here](#).

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