



18 - 24 December

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER RESOURCES

### Biosecurity Matters

#### Issue 6 - December 2017

- A Royal Honour for Australian horses
- Singing the praises of northern biosecurity
- Biosecurity diligence leads to Commendation Award
- Research collaboration delivers improved biosecurity decision support tools
- Collaboration stops tramp ants in their tracks at Brisbane port
- Changes to import conditions
- Safeguarding our vegetable industries
- New Plant Innovation centre launches
- Border Finds - Exotic stowaways leaves us hopping mad
- Border Finds - A succulent discovery
- We want your input

### Imported Food Section update

#### 18 December 2017

The department has updated the reconsideration and review of decisions webpage from its website.

Key messages from this update:

- Importers can request reconsideration of 8 reviewable decisions under section 42, (2)a-h of the Imported Food Control Act 1999 (the Act). All other matters fall outside the scope of section 42 reviewable decisions.
- The department encourages importers to contact the Food Safety Manager (FSM) at [IFIS-InspectionSupport@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:IFIS-InspectionSupport@agriculture.gov.au) if they have concerns about an initial decision made in relation to an imported food prior to initiating a section 42 application.

The updated webpage can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/goods/food/inspection-compliance/reconsideration-and-review-of-decisions>

### October failing food report

#### 20 December 2017

The failing food report for OCTOBER 2017 is now available to view on the website and can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/goods/food/inspection-compliance/failing-food-reports/oct2017>

### November Failing Food Report

The failing food report for NOVEMBER 2017 is now available to view on the website and can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/goods/food/inspection-compliance/failing-food-reports/nov2017>

DAWR Import Conditions and Permit Assessment Services Christmas and New Year [operating hours](#).

## FEDERAL REGISTER OF LEGISLATION

### Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Schedule 20 – Maximum residue limits

Compilation was modified on 18/12/2017

<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017C01208>

## EPA NSW

### Return and Earn partners with Coles

20 December 2017

Reverse vending machines at Coles' supermarkets across the State will join the three hundred collection points that have already been rolled out as part of the Container Deposit Scheme, Return and Earn, Environment Minister Gabrielle Upton announced today. Read the full article [here](#).

## FOOD STANDARDS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

### Food Standards NEWS

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- New food labelling applies from 1 July 2018
- Dive into the detail on norovirus
- Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
- Call for submissions
- Amendment No 175



FOOD STANDARDS  
Australia New Zealand  
Te Mana Kounga Kai – Ahitereiria me Aotearoa

**The latest [Notification Circular \(35-17\)](#) was published on 20 December 2017.**  
The Circular summarises work currently being undertaken or finalised by FSANZ including:

- A1154 – Food derived from insect-protected cotton line MON88702 (call for comments)
- A1138 - Food derived from Provitamin A Rice Line GR2E (Forum)
- A1143 - Food derived from DHA Canola Line NS-B50027-4 (Forum)

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**Product Recall**  
**[Warburn Estate Bottled Wine](#)**

Warburn Estate is conducting a recall of the products in the image. The products have been available for sale at BWS, Dan Murphy’s, independent liquor stores and hotels nationwide.  
Problem: The recall is due to a packaging fault resulting in the possible presence of glass.

Food safety hazard: Food products containing glass may cause injury if consumed.  
What to do: Consumers should not drink this product and should return the products to the place of purchase for a full refund.  
Where can I find the lot number? The lot number is etched into the glass 10-20mm from the base of the bottle.



For further information please contact:  
Warburn Estate, (02) 6963 8367

**Call for submissions on genetically modified cotton line**  
FSANZ today called for submissions on an application to permit food from a genetically modified cotton line.

The closing date for submissions is 6pm (Canberra time) 14 February 2018.  
For more information visit [here](#).

**FSANZ - Media issues for the week**

Here are the media issues for the week (18 - 24 December 2017)

**Food labelling**  
A Hindu leader is urging Australia to mandate the source of gelatine on food labels, [reports SBS](#).

UK Apprentice winner, Alana Spencer, was left ‘mortified’ after being forced to recall her cake products because they didn’t adequately list potential allergens. Read the [article here](#).

A US study looking at nutrition label use and sodium intake has prompted discussion about whether labelling needs improvement. It found that those who regularly read labels consumed 92 mg less sodium per day than infrequent nutrition label users, however these users still consume far more sodium than what is recommended. Read more [here](#).

**Food safety**  
From January 2018, all producers who pick and pack their own fruit will need to comply with a new food safety program (Harmonized Australian Retailer Produce Scheme). However, ABC News reports that fruit farmers are struggling to comprehend when they will find time for more paperwork. Read the story [here](#).

There is further coverage of food safety advice in the lead up to Christmas, with SA Health director explaining the importance of storing food in the fridge at the correct temperature. News.com.au [has the story](#).

Meanwhile, the risk of salmonella in eggs continues to receive coverage with the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services warning businesses to take precautions. Read the story [here](#).

A Sydney woman was hospitalised with internal bleeding after accidentally swallowing glass she believes was in her takeaway iced coffee. Further details [here](#).

The declining trend of salmonellosis cases in the EU has levelled off according to an annual report on zoonotic diseases published last week. Cases of Salmonella Enteritidis acquired in the EU have increased by 3 per cent since 2014 says the report. Listeriosis and salmonellosis cases were also becoming more prevalent. Read the media release [here](#).

BBC News gives the low down on whether seafood lovers are really eating 11,000 microscopic pieces of plastic a year. Find out the verdict [here](#).

**PFAS**  
Shine Lawyers is considering a class action for Wodonga residents because of environmental PFAS contamination from the Bandiana Military Area. Similar cases are running in four other areas, including Katherine, where residents are not using bore water and signs have been erected warning against the consumption of river fish. Read more [here](#).

**Diet and nutrition**  
The Washington Post predicts seven nutrition trends you will see next year, with a focus on eating to prevent and manage health conditions. Read the article [here](#).

**GM Food**  
Anti-GM groups are protesting against a proposal from the Office of the Gene Technology to alter the regulatory status of a series of new plant breeding techniques. Read more [here](#).

**Quirky**  
The Daily Mail forecasts the next big food trends to be served up in 2018—such as pink toast, mushroom lattes and wine pouches for one. Check them out [here](#).



# AUSTRALIAN PESTICIDES & VETERINARY MEDICINES AUTHORITY

## Media Release

19 December 2017

Compulsory recall of Zinsser Mould Stop Primer after manufacturer loses legal battle

Read the full article [here](#).



## RIGBY COOKE LAWYERS

CUSTOMS & TRADE

# News alert

### CUSTOMS & TRADE ALERT>>

The importance of SMEs and access to e-commerce solutions in the global supply chain

It is generally accepted that large companies secure the most significant benefits from trade, even though small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) represent the largest proportion of businesses in the economy and are often described as the real contributors to growth and innovation. This is especially the case in our region, where there are specific initiatives that could advance the interests of SMEs in the supply chain.

Given the lack of resources and expertise readily available to SMEs, there is a real need for government (at its various levels) to provide assistance and for SMEs to recognise the importance of securing appropriate legal support.

Read the full article [here](#).

## DEPARTMENT OF BORDER PROTECTION AND IMMIGRATION

### Payment of refunds and drawbacks during the 2017 Christmas period

This year, the payment of refunds and drawbacks will not be processed over this period.

Claims for refunds and drawbacks can continue to be submitted to the ABF as per normal, although payment on any transactions not completed prior to 21 December will be delayed until early January 2018. For more information click [here](#).

## AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY GROUP

### Industry Newsletter

<https://www.aigroup.com.au/policy-and-research/industrynewsletter/>



## NEWS

### Australian Food News - Thought for food

- Unilever sells off Spreads business
- Chobani wins Woolworths Supplier of the Year Award
- Selected mangoes recalled in SA due to fruit fly
- Spring Gully Foods out of debt
- CSIRO helps develop new high fibre wheat
- NZ chocolate company wins big at international awards
- Allens Lollies and Qantas partner for Fantale creation
- Wine Australia & CSIRO enter into \$37 million research partnership



### Food Legal

Current Developments in food law and policy in Australia and elsewhere (December 2017).

Published: 18 Dec 2017 read the full article [here](#).

### Food Safety Council

Take the guesswork out of Christmas entertaining – use a meat thermometer for great food cooked safely every time (19 December 2017)

The Food Safety Information Council, and Tonic Health Media, today launched their Christmas entertaining advice to urge consumers to buy a meat thermometer so they can avoid a bout of food poisoning this summer. Read the full article [here](#).

### The Australian Government aiming to halve Australia's food waste by 2030

All Australia's environment ministers extended their support for a strategy to help halve Australia's food waste by 2030. This support acknowledges the importance of addressing food waste and the impact it has on the environment, the economy and society.

Consultation on the development of the strategy commenced in April 2017 with a Roundtable on Food Waste convened by the Minister for the Environment and Energy.

Following the roundtable, the Department established four advisory bodies with representatives from industry, academia, local government and the not-for-profit sector. These bodies provided advice on opportunities to reduce food waste, the provision of data sources that could assist in the formation of a National Food Waste Baseline, and governance arrangements for the delivery of the strategy once it is released.

For more information click [here](#).

## EVENTS

### Food science 2018

[9th International Conference on Food Science & Technology](#)

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