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WEEKLY ROUNDUP

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Import Industry Advice Notices

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BROWN MARMORATED STINK BUG (BMSB) RISK SEASON 2017-18 MANDATORY TREATMENT FOR GOODS SHIPPED VIA SEA CARGO FROM ITALY

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CARGO ONLINE LODGEMENT SYSTEM, POST ENTRY BIOSECURITY SYSTEM AND ONLINE PAYMENT SERVICE UNAVAILABLE 21:00 FRIDAY 9TH MARCH TO 02:00 SATURDAY 10TH MARCH 2018 (AEDT)

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BICON SERVICES WILL BE IMPACTED FROM 21:00 FRIDAY 9TH MARCH TO 02:00 SATURDAY 10TH MARCH 2018 (AEDT)



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PRODUCT SAFETY AUSTRALIA

Latest updates from Product Safety Australia

Healthy Warrior Pty Ltd — Hemp Vegan Protein Powder

Department Agriculture and Water Resources



MEDIA RELEASE

Biosecurity innovators gather in Canberra

Thursday, 8 March 2018

Biosecurity stakeholders from across Australia and New Zealand will be joining forces in Canberra today to share ideas about innovative technologies and approaches to enhance each countries' biosecurity system.

Head of biosecurity at the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, Lyn O'Connell, said the inaugural Biosecurity Innovation Exchange was an opportunity for collaboration between two countries who are at the forefront of biosecurity. [Read more here.](#)

Department of Industry, Innovation and Science

ANTI-DUMPING COMMISSION WEEKLY WEBSITE UPDATE

Pineapple Fruit, Consumer / FSI

• [EPR 455](#) Review (Consumer) - Thailand

Tomato Products, Prepared or Preserved

• [EPR 462](#) Accelerated Review - Italy *NEW*

Australian Border Force

UPDATE

Please be advised that the ICS will be unavailable for a 5.5 hour period between Saturday 10 March and Sunday 11 March 2018.

The outage period will be from 23:00 AEDT on Saturday 10 March until 04:30 AEDT Sunday 11 March 2018 and is necessary to promote internal system changes.

Industry clients should make arrangements to have cargo cleared outside of these hours.

Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority

APVMA REGULATORY UPDATE

[Issue #267](#) 7 March 2018

- Commencement of new APVMA Deputy Chief Executive Officer
- Issuing emergency use permits to support biosecurity
- Help us improve client service and engagement
- Reminders - open for public consultations

Food Standards Australia New Zealand



FSANZ - MEDIA ISSUES FOR THE WEEK

Food Labelling

[Food Magazine](#) provides a run down on the country of origin requirements, which become mandatory on 1 July 2018.

GM Foods

European farmers are facing a total ban on a common group of pesticides after a report confirmed they harm bees, putting pressure on Australia to follow. The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority told the ABC that there was no evidence of bee population declines in Australia. [Read the story here.](#)

Additives

The [New Daily](#) looks at MSG quoting FSANZ that MSG is 'generally recognised as safe' as well as a researcher who says that 'excess consumption of glutamate promotes cancer growth' (while noting that there is no scientific proof to this claim).

Food safety

A New Zealand mother is warning others about the choking risk of mini eggs. Her five-year old daughter died after [choking on a Mini Egg](#).

[ABC reports](#) that foodporn is helping a researcher hungry for data to curb campylobacter.

The rockmelon listeria outbreak has claimed another life, with the death toll reaching four. The latest victim was from Victoria. A total of 17 listeria cases were confirmed across eastern states on Wednesday, with two deaths each in Victoria and NSW. [Read the story here.](#)

Singapore's [Straits Times](#) says that the recall of rockmelons from Australia has been completed.

[NSW Health](#) has defended its food reporting process after it was revealed the investigation into rockmelon (as the cause of the listeria outbreak) began in January.

On Monday the World Health Organization announced that the [South Africa listeria](#) outbreak that has killed 180 people since January is the largest ever recorded globally.

Diet and Nutrition

[A Body and Soul](#) story says that it's not just cost that should deter you from the latest superfood.

The Herald Sun questions whether Australia will follow the latest [British Health Department's recommendations](#) that the average daily calorie intake be cut by 20 per cent.

While its common knowledge that there are many health problems associated with a poor diet, this story by [Perth Now](#) says that the impact on mental health also needs to be considered.

PFAS

There are further calls for government action into the contamination near the RAAF base in Williamstown with 50 residents living on one stretch of road diagnosed with cancer.

[Watch the A Current Affairs segment.](#)

Food allergies

FSANZ's proposal to make allergen labelling clearer was picked up by [PS News](#).

Quirky

A gigantic chicken egg laid with a smaller egg inside it has baffled a poultry expert, who says he has never seen the phenomenon before. [See the egg \(or eggs\) here.](#)

Australian Food News



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- Lawyers announce possible class action against RFG
- Rockmelon listeria outbreak claims fourth life
- Bega ditches Vegemite's creative agency after 74 years
- Bulla launches new ice cream varieties
- Why In-N-Out keeps popping up and never staying
- French Polynesia plans to supply Australians with Vanilla
- IGA snatches Shane Jacobson for another ad campaign
- return of the digital milkman

Business Consultation Notification

Closing soon

PROPOSAL TO AMEND SCHEDULE 20 OF THE REVISED AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND FOOD STANDARDS CODE

The APVMA invites comments until 6 pm (Australian Daylight Saving Time), Tuesday 13 March 2018 on the proposal to vary Schedule 20 Maximum Residue Limits of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.

[Closes 13 March 2018.](#)

Closing soon

CALL FOR COMMENT ON INSECTICIDE USE ON STONE FRUITS

Insecticide Use on Stone Fruit
You are invited to comment on the trade implications of the proposed use of a specific insecticide on stone fruit.

[Closes 13 March 2018.](#)

CALL FOR COMMENT ON FRESH DRAGON FRUIT FROM INDONESIA RISK ANALYSIS

You are invited to provide feedback on the draft report outlining the identified risks and proposed risk management measures associated with importing fresh dragon fruit from Indonesia.

[Closes 19 March 2018.](#)

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS ON NEW ADDITIVE CATEGORY FOR COCONUT MILK PRODUCTS

You are invited to provide submissions on an application to create a new food additive category for coconut milk products..

[Closes 19 March 2018.](#)

AUSTRALIA'S FOODBORNE ILLNESS REDUCTION STRATEGY 2018 - 2021+

Consultation is now open and submissions are invited on the Australian Foodborne Illness Reduction Strategy 2018-2021+.

[Closes 29 March 2018.](#)

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS ON NEW SOURCE FOR ENZYME PROCESSING AID

Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) has called for submissions on an application to allow the use of an existing enzyme processing aid from a new source.

[Closes 29 March 2018.](#)

CALLS FOR COMMENT ON PLAIN ENGLISH ALLERGEN LABELLING

You are invited to comment on allergen labelling requirements to be clearer, which will help food allergen-sensitive consumers and food businesses..

[Closes 12 April 2018.](#)

New

PROPOSED REGISTRATION OF SEGURIS FLEXI FUNGICIDE CONTAINING THE NEW ACTIVE CONSTITUENT ISOPYRAZAM

You are invited to provide comment on the proposed registration of Seguris Flexi Fungicide containing the new active constituent isopyrazam. The product is to be registered for the control of black spot and powdery mildew in apples and black spot in pears.

[Closes 27 March 2018.](#)