



Weekly Roundup

Here are FSANZ's Media Issues for the week 16/03/17

General

Are you itching to find out where the tomato in your pasta sauce was grown? A tech company in Victoria has created a system which uses a complex network of GPS sensors to track vegetables from the point they were harvested to the dinner plate. [Read more.](#)

The Australian Institute of Food Science and Technology is set to hold a half-day talk to provide an overview of FSANZ's Compendium of Microbiological Criteria. The talk, which includes input from our very own senior food scientist, will give those working in food services fields a better understanding of why FSANZ released the compendium and how to apply it to their businesses. [Find out more.](#)

Labelling

Recent research has found that an increase in the number of nutritional information panels on some brands of beer has helped 40 per cent of surveyed consumers make more informed choices about alcohol. The move is also reported to have helped improve consumer perception of beer by debunking misconceptions relating to carbohydrate and calories content. [Read more.](#)

Continuing on the same topic, [this article](#) looks at the increase in information on beer product labels which push a '99 per cent sugar-free' message and whether such claims are just a tactic to shift consumer perception to beer being a kind of health food.

Food safety

Tougher border controls have been put in place to prevent the importation of contaminated rice, following an investigation last year into claimed dangerous and banned foods being imported from India and sold in Australian supermarkets. [Read more.](#)

Ever been in such a rush to get out the door in the morning that you dropped your toast on the kitchen floor? Fear not! A 'germ expert' has just confirmed that the five-second rule is actually a thing. [Read more.](#)

Diet and nutrition

A three-supplement "nutrition kit" consisting of two amino acids and a blueberry extract has been found to virtually eliminate post-partum "baby blues" in women who have just given birth, according to new research. [Read more.](#)

Have you heard of the ketogenic diet? It's one of the latest fad regimes that is said to be effective at shedding pounds (as well as helping with epilepsy). The only adverse sides are that it's expensive, it's hard, and it may have negative impacts on your general health and wellbeing (sort of sounds like most fad diets!). [Read more.](#)

Every wondered what "a perfect day of eating" looks like according to a nutritionist? [This article](#) has the answer.

If you have a sweet tooth but want to cut your calorie intake, you might be tempted to swap sugary foods for artificially sweetened varieties—but is that a good idea? [This article](#) gives a rundown of the good and the bad of the different varieties, with a dietitian's verdict about their use.

Hemp

In light of the upcoming proposal to permit hemp seeds as food in Australia, [this article](#) looks at the hemp product, the industry, and why it's such a big deal.



GMO

The US has just approved three more types of GM potatoes for sale this year which are engineered to resist the pathogen that caused the Irish potato famine. [Read more.](#)

Quirky

We can finally give up on trying to come up with cool ideas, because humanity has officially raised the bar to an unbeatable level: Pizza Hut has launched shoes which include a button that allows you to order pizza, and Bluetooth for the delivery driver to track exactly where you are. Life = complete. [See them here.](#)

Imported Food Notices

Imported Food Notices provide information to Department of Agriculture and Water Resources staff, clients, appointed laboratories and Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) on matters relating to changes to operational requirements in the monitoring of food imported into Australia. These notices are essential for stakeholders to keep abreast of issues relating to imported food requirements.

For all IFN click [here](#) .

This weeks IFN:

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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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS SCHEDULED ICS OUTAGE - SUNDAY 2 APRIL 2017

Please be advised that the ICS will be unavailable for a 4-hour period on Sunday 2 April. The outage is necessary to adjust the time as Daylight Savings ends. The outage period will be from 01:00 AEDT until 04:00 AEST. EDI and Cargo Interactive (CI) will be unavailable during the system outage. Industry clients should make arrangements to have cargo cleared outside of these hours.

Rigby Cooke Lawyers Article

Link: [A new and improved trade relationship with Indonesia a glimmer of hope in a gloomy trade world?](#)