



Weekly Roundup

Here are FSANZ's media issues for the week (27/04/17):

Labelling

[This story](#) takes a look at the latest advertising campaign for country of origin labelling that kicked off this week, following legislation passed in February to help improve the accuracy of claims about where products are made or packaged.

A recent report about sugar in food is suggesting that clearer labelling of the different varieties of sugar in food would allow shoppers to make more informed choices about what they buy. [Read more.](#)

[This article](#) looks at the recommendation for food labelling laws to be expanded to alert people with allergies about safe products as well as those to avoid, following Victorian research suggesting that safe foods which aren't labelled as such leave people with allergies to either take a risk or avoid all of them and limit their diets.

The new Free-Range Labelling Information Standard was finalised by the Egg Farmers of Australia this week, which will bring simplicity and clarity to the term 'free range'. Under the new standard, farmers must give their hens meaningful and regular access to an outdoor range, and consumers will be able to see on egg cartons how many hens per hectare there are on the farm. [See the press release.](#)

A consumer watchdog in New Zealand is calling for better monitoring of potentially misleading food labels and packaging after it found supermarket-stocked products were making claims that risked breaching food labelling and fair trading laws. [Read more.](#)

Food safety general

If you spy a green spot growing on your multigrain loaf, do you throw the entire thing out or just remove the affected pieces? [This article](#) hears from food safety experts about whether or not it's safe to eat mouldy bread.

A food company in the US is recalling frozen hash browns because the potatoes "might have pieces of golf balls in them", after they were inadvertently harvested along with the potatoes and chopped up. [Read more.](#)

Can you freeze miso soup, and should you rinse raw meat and eggs? You may think you know everything there is to know about what's safe to eat, but [this story](#) has a quick quiz to test your knowledge.

Diet and nutrition

It's official: nuts are a healthy heart food. After more than a decade of work, a change to the Food Standards Code now allows the nut industry to use the General Level Health Claim (GLHC) in promoting nut products. [Read more.](#)

A recent study is suggesting that 'sugar-free' diet beverages are no better than the real thing, after finding that the artificial sugars they use almost triple the risk of people developing dementia. [Read more.](#)

A diet high in animal protein is associated with a higher risk of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, a condition in which fat builds up in the liver, in overweight people according to [this study](#) from the Netherlands.



Quirky

This week everyone has finally been able to stop scratching their heads about whether or not President Donald Trump has a red button under his desk that's capable of launching nuclear arms. The answer: he does have a red button—but it's used for something tastier. [Read more.](#)

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR IMPORTERS OF CHEESE AND CURD.

Please see the link following as the Department of Immigration and Border Protection will shortly contact importers involved in the Cheese and Curd Quota

Scheme to discuss quota allocations for 2017-2018. Go to <http://www.border.gov.au/Customsnotices/Documents/dibp-notice-2017-08.pdf> .

Updated Dumping and Subsidy Manual published

The manual has been updated by the Anti-Dumping Commission, Department of Industry, Innovation and Science and can be found at <http://adcommission.gov.au/accessadsystem/Pages/Dumping-and-Subsidy-Manual.aspx> .

DWAR Biosecurity Matters

Biosecurity Matters is a bi-monthly, online newsletter providing readers with a greater understanding of the department's work in managing biosecurity risks overseas, at the border and within Australia.

Click here to view [Biosecurity Matters Edition 2, 2017](#).

Call for Interest in New International Committee on Chain of Custody

A new international committee (ISO/PC 308, Chain of Custody) was created last year by ISO members. The new committee held their first meeting in early March 2017. The scope of the committee was confirmed by ISO's Technical Management board as follows:

“Standardization in the field of Chain of Custody (CoC), including terminology, principles, requirements for and control systems used by supply chain actors with regards to the management of products in terms of their specified characteristics. The work is intended to be applicable to all products, whereas services are excluded.


The objective of the committee is to define a generic CoC process framework, which serves a wide range of sectors, raw materials and end products, and covers specific product characteristics, to enhance the transparency, process efficiency and comparability of CoC models.”

Standards Australia has received expressions of interest from a number of organisations regarding Australian involvement. We are keen to hear from other organisations who may be interested in shaping the Australian position in this important work on international chain of custody requirements.

For more information please contact Karen Batt, International Development Manager, at karen.batt@standards.org.au

FSANZ Media Release – Call for submission on wine processing aids

Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) has called for submissions on an application to permit the use of four new processing aids in wine.



FSANZ Chief Executive Officer Mark Booth said the processing aids—chitin-glucan, PVI/PVP co-polymers, ammonium hydrogen sulphite and silver chloride—are already permitted for use in the European Union.

“These processing aids are used for various processes including as fining agents and to reduce odours that occur during storage,” Mr Booth said.

“FSANZ concluded there were no public health and safety concerns relating to the use of the processing aids in wine.”

All FSANZ decisions on applications are notified to ministers responsible for food regulation who can decide to ask for a review or agree that the standard should become law.

The closing date for submissions is 6pm (Canberra time) 7 June 2017.

More information

- [A1127 – Processing Aids for Wine](#)
- [How to make a submission](#)

The latest [Notification Circular \(11-17\)](#) was published on 26 April 2017.

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

- **P1127 – Processing Aids in Wine** (call for submissions)

APVMA Public Affairs

APVMA Regulatory Update #247 [here](#).

Ai Group Industry Newsletter

<http://elink.aigroup.com.au/m/1/43726113/02-b17117-849e0c45f0114295842e05f4805e62b1/10/689/e3d7d88c-14b3-4418-bae5-326ff4929bcf>

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:

26-April-2017	42/17	Implementation of Automatic Entry Processing (AEP) Reform phase 1 changes
	43/17	BICON will be unavailable 20:00 to 22:00 (AEST) on Saturday 29th April 2017
	44/17	Cargo Online Lodgement System, Post Entry Biosecurity System and Online Payment Service Unavailable 20:30 to 22:30 Friday 28th April 2017 (AEST)

Business Consultation:

You can access the details of the consultation by clicking on the link below.

[Wine Equalisation Tax Rebate](#)

You are invited to comment on the implementation of draft legislation that aims to make changes to the wine equalisation tax rebate.



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PACER Plus concluded – a ray of sunshine in a gloomy trade world [here](#).

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.

Standards Australia E-News

Standards Australia E-News will keep you up to date with information about Standards Australia and the work carried out by our valued committees, stakeholders and staff.

For April 2017 Edition see [here](#).