

Dairy: a safe food made safer by national regulation

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1. Globalisation of the food supply

- Changing diets
- Consumer demands for safe food
- Link between diet and health
- Need for a global regulation framework



2. Food regulation in Australia/NZ

- *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code*
- Risk analysis process underpins food standards
- 10 governments, industry and community in partnership
- Whole-of-chain approach to food safety



3. Whole-of-chain approach to food safety

- Food-borne illness around the world is on the rise
- Traditional management strategies not fully effective
- New approach places emphasis on preventative rather than reactive measures



4. Regulating milk and dairy products

- Success of Australian dairy industry is testimony to current food safety measures
- Code already regulates processing
- New Primary Production and Processing Standard for dairy
- Consistent with Codex



5. Codex principles for milk and milk products

- Control measures
- Hygienic practices
- HACCP-based management systems
- Validation

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6. Raw milk products

- FSANZ under pressure to allow sale of raw milk products
- Pasteurisation – the food safety benchmark?

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7. Functional foods

- Physiological roles beyond provision of nutrients
- Regulatory issue dealing with substances not previously found in dairy or present only at relatively low levels

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8. Nutrition issues

- Draft Assessment Report on Health Claims
- Initial Assessment Report on the mandatory fortification of food with iodine

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9. Summary

- Success of current food safety management systems
- New, national mandatory dairy standard, consistent with Codex, should set a world benchmark for safety in dairy

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