



Media Release

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Assuring the integrity of the Victorian dairy industry

Dairy Food Safety Victoria (DFSV), the independent authority to regulate dairy food safety, today issued assurance of the quality of Victorian dairy products.

The current melamine incident in China has been reported as a deliberate contamination of raw milk supply. Melamine contamination of milk has not been found in Australian sourced products.

In Victoria there is a robust regulatory system in place to assure the quality, safety and integrity of Victorian dairy products at all stages of the process; from the quality milk leaving our farms through to processing, manufacturing and distribution of dairy products to consumers in Australia and around the world.

DFSV Chief Executive Officer Dr Anne Astin says the Victorian dairy industry's reputation for food safety and integrity of production makes our products internationally preferred.

"We are constantly working to assure the integrity of the Victorian dairy food safety system, by building industry skills and capability and through ongoing monitoring and improvements to the quality of production and processes," said Dr Astin.

"Our systems are also regularly monitored and reviewed by international regulatory authorities from the EU and the USA. We have visited with Chinese food authorities and hosted international delegations from China where we have provided an overview of our model for providing high quality, safe dairy foods," said Dr Astin.

Dairy Food Safety Victoria (DFSV), with the support of the Geoffrey Gardiner Dairy Foundation, recently ran a Risk Analysis Training Program that provided Victorian dairy industry representatives with expert education on food security.

"We are providing the Victorian dairy industry with skills to better understand and prepare for dairy based threats," said Dr Astin.

"The Victorian dairy industry has an excellent track record and has the appropriate systems and regulations in place to assure the quality, safety and integrity of Victorian dairy products," concluded Dr Astin.

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