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Dairy Farms to participate in the National Dairy Verification Plan

In 2008 the state and federal authorities of the Australian dairy industry endorsed a National Dairy Verification Plan to support consistent implementation of the Primary Production and Processing Standard for dairy products which became effective on 5 October 2008. Delivery of the Plan includes verification checks with approximately 150 dairy farms nationally.

Dairy Food Safety Victoria (DFSV) CEO Dr Anne Astin said 80 dairy farms from across Victoria will be randomly selected to participate in the 2008/09 Plan, with visits scheduled to commence in June.

“The information gained through verification is intended to provide a snap-shot of the health and effectiveness of the national regulatory system,” said Dr Astin.

Results are anonymously entered into a national database that allows for benchmarking and identification of trends which will be reported to industry and used to guide the future development of compliance and regulatory services.

This verification is also used as the basis of assurance to overseas markets and will help to maintain Victoria’s reputation as a reliable supplier of safe, high quality dairy foods.

The verification visits to farms will take no more than one hour and will involve the review of food safety initiatives undertaken. Those farms selected will receive a letter from DFSV with further information.

“The support of the dairy industry is a valuable input in delivery of the Victorian component of the 2008/09 National Dairy Verification Plan,” said Dr Astin.

For further information on the Plan, please contact Dairy Food Safety Victoria on 9810 5900.

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