

## Food Incident Situation Report

		<b>Incident No: 2019-01</b>
<b><i>Salmonella Enteritidis</i> linked to eggs</b>		
<b>Plan current as at:</b>	<b>26 MARCH 2019</b>	<b>Plan No: 2</b>
<b>Notifying Agency</b>	NSW DPI	
<p>Incident Objective:</p> <p>The Incident Objective <b>is currently:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>information sharing</li> <li>raise awareness of quarantine and flock control measures</li> </ul> <p>Note: Incident objectives will be established and updated for each teleconference</p>		
<b>Situation:</b>		
<b>Situation as at COB 25 March 2019</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FSANZ has hosted a <a href="#">webpage</a> on this issue; linking to the consumer level recalls</li> <li>FSANZ 2019/15 (coordinated on 21 March) – Consumer level recall in Victoria; eggs recalled from Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory</li> <li>Associated media has also been issued by <a href="#">Tasmania</a>, <a href="#">Victoria</a> and <a href="#">NSW</a></li> <li>The draft emergency risk profile was updated and circulated on 22 March 2019 and will continue to be updated as new information comes to light</li> <li>Whole of Government talking points (also updated 22 March 2019) [note these are not in the public domain]</li> </ul> <p>█ <span style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px;">s 45/ 47B/ 47E/ 47G</span></p> <p>█ <span style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px;"></span></p>		
<b>Situation as at 1:00pm, 20 March 2019</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The NFIRP was formally triggered by the NSW DPI on 19 March 2019 as a result of <i>Salmonella Enteritidis</i> (SE) detections on layer farms across two jurisdictions (NSW, Victoria).</li> <li>At 1.00pm AEDT on 20 March 2019 an initial teleconference was held under the National Food Incident Response Protocol (NFIRP). A Summary of Actions <b>was circulated</b>.</li> </ul> <p>█ <span style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px;">s 45/ 47B/ 47E/ 47G</span></p> <p>█ <span style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px;"></span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FSANZ 2019/14 – Trade level recall in NSW (<b>and VIC confirmed on 21 March</b>) from cafés, takeaways and restaurants of free range eggs from Ash and Sons in NSW.</li> </ul>		

### Risk to public health and safety:

- The **initial (20 March)** Draft Emergency Risk Profile was drafted by FSANZ in consultation with NSW DPI and circulated prior to the first teleconference.

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- A revised Draft Emergency Risk Profile **was** circulated (**22 March 2019**) following more detailed updates from **members of the BFSN**.

### Response:

#### Action taken to date:

- The SE cluster was first detected in July 2018 and was initially traced to a farm with 52,000 birds on the outskirts of Sydney in early September 2018. This flock was subsequently destroyed.
- On 7 September 2018, NSW Health and NSW Food Authority issued a public statement regarding their investigation into eggs sold under the brand "Glendenning Farms" as a result of cases of SE being linked to contaminated eggs sold in the Sydney metropolitan region. **Eggs sold under this brand were recalled; FSANZ 2018/69.**
- In early-mid January 2019, birds on three other farms tested positive for SE (farm sizes of 70,000, 30,000, and 5,000 birds). These flocks were also destroyed.
- On 1 February 2019, NSW Food Authority issued another public **health** warning urging people to check their kitchens for any eggs that are marked with the identifying stamp BEC or BEC115. The advice was that not all eggs were impacted and that, thanks to mandatory egg stamping required in NSW, the Food Authority was able to isolate the particular batch of eggs.
- The NSW Food Authority had placed a Prohibition Order on the business that produced the eggs earlier in January preventing them from selling eggs while the possible Salmonella contamination was investigated.

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**Has this issue been handled under the Bi-National Food Safety Network? YES**

- The BFSN was notified on Monday 4 March 2019 on request of NSW DPI - for information.
- The issue has been raised and discussed at **routine** OzFoodNet teleconferences/meetings.

**Action taken do date (under the NFIRP):**

- This was the first NFIRP teleconference for Incident no. 2019-01.

**Future action:**

- Further teleconferences will be held as required
- Situation reports to be circulated as required

**Communications:**

- DAWR have export certification notification requirements – particularly to Korea and Singapore.
- **Information provided to Agricultural Counsellor network (21 March 2019).**
- FSANZ/DAWR have developed Whole of Government talking points (latest **22 March 2019**).
- Potential media questions **have been** circulated for comment.

**Issues and comments:****Action required:**

- **Please keep FSANZ aware of any updates or changes to the incident**

**Stand-down:****OTHER PLANS/PROTOCOLS ACTIVATED:**

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**Distributed to:**Bi-National Food Incident  
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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. [FSANZ incident webpage](#)
2. Whole of Government talking points (not currently in the public domain) updated 22/03/2019
3. Draft Emergency Risk Profile updated 22/03/2019