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Dear Sir,

I am encouraged that FSANZ is seeking to improve the availability of products made from raw milk , such as traditional cheeses

However I believe the new measures are still very restrictive and seem based on the very slender scientific precepts.

- While tuberculosis has been wide spread in some national dairy herds it has not been seen in Australia in recent years. Surely from all points of view keeping healthy cows is a far better practice than assuming them to be diseased ?

LEGAL + WTO issues

There are also numerous competitive issues - When Beef Imports are being liberalised it seems strange to more restrictive with a food category which has a much lower risk. Wheter or not it provokes retaliatory restrictions on other Australian produce is not the main concern many of these issues are as much about perception as substance

Regards

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