

Food Incident Situation Report

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| | | Incident No: 2019-01 |
| <i>Salmonella Enteritidis</i> linked to eggs | | |
| Plan current as at: | 18 APRIL 2019 | Plan No: 5 |
| Notifying Agency | NSW DPI | |
| <p>Incident Objective:</p> <p>The Incident Objective is currently:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> information sharing raise awareness of quarantine and flock control measures <p>Note: Incident objectives will be established and updated for each teleconference</p> | | |
| Situation: | | |
| Situation as at 18 April 2019 | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">s 45/ 47B/ 47E/ 47G</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSW DPI Biosecurity & Food Safety received confirmation on Monday 15 April 2019 that samples and swabs from an additional NSW egg farm and grading facility (Steve's Fresh Farm Eggs) had tested positive for SE. The farm was receiving eggs from other farms in NSW that have previously been identified as SE positive. FSANZ 2019/28 – Food recall (Consumer and Trade level) for eggs in NSW from Steve's Fresh Farm Eggs in NSW. NSW DPI issued a press release relating to the recent consumer level recall conducted by Steve's Fresh Farm Eggs. <p style="text-align: center;">s 45/ 47B/ 47E/ 47G</p> | | |
| Situation as at 8 April 2019 | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FSANZ 2019/23 (coordinated on 6 April) – Food recall (Consumer level) for eggs in NSW and ACT from Southern Highlands Organic Eggs/Synergy Produce Pty Ltd in NSW <p style="text-align: center;">s 45/ 47B/ 47E/ 47G</p> | | |

Situation as at 1 April 2019

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- FSANZ 2019/18 (coordinated on 27 March) – Food recall (Trade and Consumer level) for eggs in NSW from Ash and Sons in NSW
- NSW DPI issued a media release regarding this recall (FSANZ 2019/18)
- Australian Eggs issued an associated [media release](#) on 27 March 2019
- FSANZ 2019/15 updated – additional eggs stamping information (of recalled eggs) was provided to FSANZ by Bridgewater Poultry eggs; this information was added to the consumer recall notice on the FSANZ [website](#) on 28 March 2019

Situation as at COB 25 March 2019

- FSANZ has hosted a [webpage](#) on this issue; linking to the consumer level recalls
- 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
- Associated media has also been issued by [Tasmania](#), [Victoria](#) and [NSW](#)
- 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
- Whole of Government talking points (also updated 22 March 2019) [note these are not in the public domain]

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Situation as at 1:00pm, 20 March 2019

- The NFIRP was formally triggered by the NSW DPI on 19 March 2019 as a result of *Salmonella Enteritidis* (SE) detections on layer farms across two jurisdictions (NSW, Victoria).
- 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 was circulated.

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- FSANZ 2019/14 – Trade level recall in NSW (and VIC confirmed on 21 March) from cafés, takeaways and restaurants of free range eggs from Ash and Sons in NSW.

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:

Environmental investigation (as of 18 April 2019):

- NSW DPI Biosecurity & Food Safety received confirmation on Monday 15 April 2019 that samples and swabs from an additional NSW egg farm and grading facility (Steve's Fresh Farm Eggs) had tested positive for SE. The farm was receiving eggs from other farms in NSW that have previously been identified as SE positive.
- The detection resulted from increased SE surveillance as part of the DPI response to SE risk in NSW.
- 5 point-source clusters have been investigated by NSW DPI
- The investigation included tracing the supply of market garden leafy greens and eggs. Common egg supply to implicated retail outlets led to SE being isolated from samples collected from 5 NSW egg farms (from 3 producers).
- 1 Victorian farm is currently under investigation.
- In 2 of the 5 point source clusters investigated, the following factors were identified as likely contributors to the outbreak:
 - Poor cleaning and sanitising
 - The use of raw eggs to make deep fried ice-cream
- NSW DPI Biosecurity and Victorian DHHS are engaged in an ongoing investigation into supply of eggs linked to the outbreak.

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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Action taken to date (cont):

- FSANZ 2018/69 (coordinated 7 September 2018) – Consumer level recall in NSW for eggs from Glendenning Farm eggs in NSW.
- FSANZ 2019/14 (coordinated on 21 March 2019) – Trade level recall in NSW (and VIC confirmed on 21 March) from cafés, takeaways and restaurants of free range eggs from Ash and Sons in NSW.
- FSANZ 2019/15 (coordinated on 21 March 2019) – Consumer level recall in Victoria; eggs recalled from Victoria, New South Wales, Tasmania, South Australia and the Australian Capital Territory
- FSANZ 2019/18 (coordinated on 27 March 2019) – Food recall (Trade and Consumer level) for eggs in NSW from Ash and Sons in NSW
- FSANZ 2019/23 (coordinated on 6 April 2019) – Food recall (Consumer level) for eggs in NSW and ACT from Southern Highlands Organic Eggs/Synergy Produce Pty Ltd in NSW
- FSANZ 2019/28 (coordinated on 16 April 2019) – Food recall (Consumer and Trade level) for eggs in NSW from Steve's Fresh Farm Eggs in NSW.

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):

- NFIRP teleconference#1 for Incident no. 2019-01 held 20 March 2019
- Updates distributed via Email

Future action:

- Further teleconferences will be held as required
- Situation reports/updated 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 8 April 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:

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| OTHER PLANS/PROTOCOLS ACTIVATED: | | MJOI (2019_0001) |
| Distributed to: Bi-National Food Incident Response Network | | |
| CONTACT PERSON(S) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: s 22 Food Safety and Response FSANZ s 22 | | |
| ATTACHMENTS <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. FSANZ incident webpage2. Whole of Government talking points (not currently in the public domain) updated 18 April 2019 | | |