

SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION NO. 5.1
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1. The Submission notes that the import licensing arrangements will be subject to an open licensing system that will:

- allocate licenses on a first-come, first-served basis; and
- allow anyone to apply for a license; and allow imports in either bulk or retail packs but that the mechanism by which this will work is still to be articulated.

a. What is the status of those negotiations and discussions?

i. Who is conducting them?

ii. Is there a template from previous agreements that is being used as a basis for those discussions?

1. If so, how has that template worked in the past?

iii. When are those negotiations and discussions expected to be completed?

The ADIC believes that the most detailed and timely advice on the above can be provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and suggests that the question be directed to them as the key body responsible for finalising the outstanding aspects of the administration of the import licensing arrangements.

2. The Submission also notes that further work will be required to finalise some of MAFTA's details, particularly regarding administrative arrangements for the specific component of the additional liquid milk quota which will no longer be subject to end use restriction.

a. What is the status of those negotiations and discussions?

i. Who is conducting them?

ii. When are those negotiations and discussions expected to be completed?

iii. What is the dairy industry's preferred outcome?

The ADIC believes that the most detailed and timely advice on the above can be provided by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and suggests that the question be directed to them as the key body responsible for finalising the outstanding aspects of the administration of the specific component of the additional liquid milk quota arrangements.

Senator THORP: Are you aware of any campaign to promote the use of infant formula over the use of breastmilk?

Mr Myers: Not specifically in Malaysia, no. We would have to do some market research on that. My sense is that, in most South-East Asian countries, it is perhaps the opposite: they tend to encourage breastfeeding.

Mr Losberg: We will take that one on notice, if we may, and we will get back to you on that. We will look specifically at Malaysia for any campaigns there that promote that.

The ADIC has conducted desktop research regarding the above issue and is unaware of any specific campaign to promote the use of infant formula over the use of breastmilk in Malaysia.