

Senate Community Affairs Committee

ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

HEALTH PORTFOLIO

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OUTCOME: 1 - Population Health

Topic: Raw Milk Sales in Australia

Type of Question: Written Question on Notice

Senator: Siewert, Rachel

Question:

Is FSANZ aware of recent changes in New Zealand's regulation of the sale of raw milk to consumers? What implication does this have for FSANZ's regulation of the sale of raw milk in Australia?

Answer:

Yes.

Food Standards Australia New Zealand does not regulate the sale of raw milk in Australia. Regulation of food, including milk, is a state or territory responsibility. The *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* (the Code) recognises that the regulation of raw milk sales is a matter for state and territory legislation. The Code provides that milk for sale must be pasteurised or treated by an equivalent process, unless an applicable law of a state or territory provides otherwise.