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TOPIC: Food labelling

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QUESTION No.: SI-88

What contributions has the Department made to the COAG's Blewett inquiry into food labelling and related issues?

What advice has been provided on the matter of country of origin labelling?

Is the Department aware of the rules that exempt New Zealand food manufacturers from country of origin labelling under bi-lateral relations?

Does the Department have concerns about this exemption?

Has the Department provided advice to the Government or to the Blewett inquiry about this exemption?

ANSWER

Officers from the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research met with members of the inquiry panel on 13 April 2010 and provided information about the legal and administrative framework for origin labelling of food and other relevant matters within the Department's responsibilities. DIISR subsequently made a submission to the review (Submission No. 00555 available at

<http://www.foodlabellingreview.gov.au/internet/foodlabelling/publishing.nsf/Content/submissions-public>).

Refer to the submission.

Yes.

No.

Yes.