



MARKET ACCESS ADVICE

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Kuwait & Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Delay in Application of Gulf Cooperation Council Imported Food Guide Certification.

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| Attention | Industries | Australian Egg Corporation Limited Export registered egg establishments Licensed exporter | |
| | Department of Agriculture | Central and Regional offices | |
| Affected Markets | | Kuwait & Kingdom of Saudi Arabia | |
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Kuwait previously advised of an intention to implement new export certification requirements in line with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Guide for the Control of Imported Foods (the Guide) by 15 December 2016.

Further to meetings with Kuwaiti officials, Kuwait Municipality has released a circular advising that implementation of the new certification requirements will not begin until 1 April 2017 and suggests there will be a transitional period until 1 October 2017. The department is aware Saudi Arabia has also provided a formal notification through the World Trade Organisation which has advised of a similar implementation timeline.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources continues to seek the earliest opportunity to progress negotiations on new certification, which address the Guide’s requirements. The department is also seeking confirmation that any transition arrangement will ensure existing certification continues to be accepted by Kuwaiti and Saudi officials until revised certification can be agreed and implemented.

The department will provide an update to this market access advice as soon as further information is available. This advice has been prepared in consultation with industry.

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