



Australian Dairy Industry Council Inc.

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ADIC disappointed at Russian trade sanctions on dairy products

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The [Australian Dairy Industry Council](#) (ADIC) is disappointed that Russia has imposed trade sanctions on Australian dairy products for a year, along with beef, pork, fruit and vegetable produce, fish and poultry.

ADIC Chairman, Noel Campbell said, "Russia is an important market for the Australian dairy industry.

Approximately 22,000 tonnes of product, the majority of which is butter, worth around \$112m in 2013/14, was exported to Russia in the past year, which represents a total of 4% of Australian dairy exports. Russia is ranked as Australia's 10th and 12th largest dairy export market by value and volume respectively.

The ADIC is also concerned about the potential broader global market implications of the ban. The European Union currently exports approximately 500,000 tonnes¹ of dairy products into Russia and with the EU also the target of Russian trade sanctions, wider impacts on the global market are to be expected.

The Australian dairy industry and dairy farmers may be financially impacted due to the ban and Russian consumers will have no access to the high quality and safe products we provide.

The ADIC recognises the sensitivity of the matters regarding MH17 and the Ukrainian conflict.

"We hope that the Australian and Russian Governments can remain in open dialogue and resolve these matters quickly," Mr Campbell said.

The ADIC is working with the Australian Government to better understand the situation and its effect on Australian industry and dairy farmers.

We also note and appreciate the comments from Minister Bishop that the Government will seek to minimise the impact for affected industries.

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