



Australian Dairy Industry Council Inc.

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Dairy industry welcomes China-Australia FTA entry into force

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The Australian Dairy Industry Council (ADIC) has applauded the confirmation that the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement (ChAFTA) will enter into force on 20 December 2015.

ADIC Chair, Simone Jolliffe said the dairy industry was extremely pleased that the historic agreement will be ratified before the end of the 2015 calendar year.

“The entire dairy value chain, led by the ADIC, has lobbied strongly for the implementation of ChAFTA and we are pleased to see its entry into force,” Mrs Jolliffe said.

“On 20 December, Australian dairy exporters will experience the first year’s tranche of tariff reductions. This will be followed by a second round of tariff cuts on 1 January 2016.”

“In the long term this will mean more jobs across the Australian dairy industry both on farm and in processing plants. It will provide our industry with the confidence it needs to invest for a strong future.”

The ADIC thanked the Minister for Trade and Investment, Andrew Robb, and his team of negotiators as well as the Australian government, industry and the broader dairy community for its ongoing support and for ensuring the deal will be ratified in the 2015 calendar year.

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¹ Dairy Australia, *Australian Dairy Industry In Focus 2015*, 20-21

The Australian Dairy Industry Council (ADIC) is the dairy industry’s peak policy body. It co-ordinates industry’s policy and represents all sectors of the industry on national and international issues through its two constituent bodies, Australian Dairy Farmers Ltd (ADF) and the Australian Dairy Products Federation (ADPF). It aims to foster, promote and protect the interests of the Australian dairy industry by driving a whole of industry approach to dairy policy and the development of the dairy industry.

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