



# TASMANIAN DAIRY INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

## New Regulations progress...

As previously advised the TDIA are developing new Regulations under the *Primary Produce Safety Act 2011* (PPSA).

The main reason for new Regulations is that the existing *Dairy Industry Act 1994* offers minimal guidance to the TDIA in terms of regulating and enforcing food safety standards as they apply to the dairy industry in Tasmania.

These new PPSA (Dairy) Regulations are not intended to apply increased expectations and/or requirements on farmers and/or dairy businesses, instead they are intended to assist the TDIA to be more efficient and effective in ensuring safe food is produced and supplied to the community.

## What's covered under the new Regulations...

Version 5 of the draft *Primary Produce Safety (Dairy) Regulations 2024* can be found on our website at [Tasmanian Dairy Industry Authority | Tasmanian Dairy Industry Authority \(tdia.tas.gov.au\)](https://tdia.tas.gov.au)

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## Reference Group meetings...

At the first meeting of the PPSA (Dairy) Regulations Reference Group on 20 March 2024 the draft PPSA (Dairy) Regulations 2024 were reviewed in detail, with comments, queries and suggestions for improvements being identified.

As a result several matters were clarified, and changes made to the draft Regulations which were then provided to the second Reference Group meeting on 9 May 2024. The most contentious issue identified as part of the Stakeholder Reference Group process was the need for the establishment of a public register of persons holding an accreditation under the scheme. The register will be accessible to the public through an application process yet to be developed, however TDIA is committed to ensuring the information provided on the register will be limited, but sufficient to meet its statutory obligations.

The next stage of the process is to have the draft Regulations finalised by the Office of Parliamentary Counsel and prior to being referred to both Houses of Parliament a final update to stakeholders will be provided. We expect this will occur in the Spring Session and once the Regulations have received Royal Assent they will be implemented.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the Regulations development, please feel free to contact TDIA at [enquiries@tdia.tas.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@tdia.tas.gov.au) or any member of the Reference Group.



*The Regulations are intended to provide improved powers which will allow the TDIA to better regulate the industry.*

*The new Regulations will have minimal impact on the licence fees currently paid to the TDIA under the Dairy Industry Act 1994.*

## Why are new Regulations necessary...

### Q. Why is there a need for change?

A. The *Dairy Industry Act 1994* (DIA) was legislated before the deregulation of the industry, and when TDIA's role focused on buying all market milk in Tasmania and on-selling it to factories. Post deregulation in 2000, some sections of the DIA were repealed, however there has been no attempt to amend the Act to include the regulation of the industry in line with the requirements of Food Safety Regulations, which is now a primary focus of the TDIA.

### Q. How will Regulations under the PPSA improve things?

A. At present, the TDIA needs to operate under both the *Food Act 2003* and the DIA, and options for effective regulation are limited. It is difficult to effectively regulate those who can potentially, by their actions, put the whole Tasmanian dairy industry at risk.

### Q. Will my licence fees increase?

A. The TDIA Board has a policy it will only increase fees when required to directly support TDIA operations, and for those activities which focus on the regulation of the industry.