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Cross Border Community Member Essential Travellers

Recognise that National Cabinet met on Friday 21 August and agreed to work towards national consistent border requirements. SADA is working with the ADF, DA and NFF to develop and support these rules.

In the meantime this is the situation as of 21 August 2020.

The transition period for the Emergency Management (Cross Border Travel No 11) (COVID-19) Direction which came into effect last Friday has now elapsed. A subsequent Emergency Management (Cross Border Travel No 12) came into effect at 12:01am on Friday 21 August 2020 which amended the Cross-Border Community Member exemption category. The current status of border permits relevant to the dairy industry is outlined below. Also, view frequently asked questions here.

Cross Border Community Members that travel to or from Victoria are no longer permitted unless for the following reasons:

- undertaking agriculture or primary industry work;
- undertaking year 11 or year 12 high school education; or
- transporting by private vehicle a person undertaking year 11 or 12 to or from their school.

COVID-19 Testing Requirements - Changes have been made to include Seasonal workers in the list of travellers that must have a COVID-19 test within the last 7 days and must produce evidence to an authorised officer if requested. Commercial transport and freight providers continue to be subject to the same requirement without change. All other Essential Travellers are still required to be tested on day one and twelve upon entering South Australia.

Risk Mitigation Plans - There are no changes to this requirement. Individual specialist workers can enter South Australia if their employer is applying risk mitigation strategies during periods of work in accordance with a risk mitigation plan relating to COVID-19 approved by the Department of Health and Wellbeing.

COVID Marshal Requirements - As of the 21 August 2020 a COVID Marshal is a person who must supervise prescribed operations. The 'prescribed operations' relevant to the dairy industry include: distribution centres (including associated transport operations), and retail operations (for example factory or farm shops).

Tips for applying;

- If someone has had their Cross Broder Travel application rejected by SAPOL, it is likely that they need to fill out the SA Health Risk Mitigation Plan first, if you are needing a sample of this, please contact the office for further assistance, this will then need to be sent to the Assessment Team at SA Health for approval. HealthExemptions.Covid19@eso.sa.gov.au
- Once approved attach this to your Cross Border Travel application to SAPOL. Remember these applications are being sent through to a central office and assessed by SAPOL staff without strong knowledge of agriculture. <https://www.police.sa.gov.au/online-services/cross-border-travel-application>
- Focus on providing as much detail as possible in your application regarding both why cross-border travel is necessary and the service cannot be otherwise procured, and the measures being taken to control the risk associated with cross-border travel by the business.

For information regarding Primary Industries and COVID-19, including all past industry updates, please visit PIRSA's COVID-19 Primary Industries Portal. For the most recent information on SA's response to the Coronavirus pandemic visit www.sa.gov.au/COVID-19.



Nominating for a Board Position



Could you be a Board Member on the South Australian Dairyfarmers board?

Nominations for the SADA Board are now open, following we take you through what it means to be a Director and their duties and obligations.

SADA has become a very diverse organisation operating a number of different aspects being the State Farming Organisation (SFO) arm for the National industry advocacy body Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF).

Strong connections with Dairy SA and Dairy Australia to ensure dairy farmers are well connected and up to date with the changing environment across the entire supply chain.

In 2012 we launched SADA Fresh . . .

Since then, we have evolved to become much more, the complexity of the organisation brings with it governance requirements and statutory compliance obligations that reach far beyond just attending meetings.

The SADA Board has the important responsibility of setting and reviewing the Associations strategic direction and to help ensure a strong future organisation for our members and the entire supply chain. The SADA Board oversees existing and potential risks, together with industry compliance across all areas of the business.

Risk management are a large part of the role, as is ensuring we meet the requirements of all relevant regulatory authorities. Our Board members are required to act in good faith and in the best interests of the organisation. The

Board members must ensure accounts and financial records of the organisation are presented accurately and fairly. Board members cannot improperly use information gained as a Board Member or act in the interests of another organisation while making decisions about the organisation.

SADA is committed to a long, prosperous future and we plan to continue to grow and develop our services to meet members needs in the future. Our Board members must keep up to date with changing governance and regulatory requirements in operations, finance, audit, risk, governance and community engagement and advocacy, and more.

The Board must continue to have a comprehensive understanding of our history and take account of what is best for our members in the future while managing all the requirements of their role.

To find out more about joining the SADA Board, visit www.sada.asn.au phone: 8293 2399 - email: sada@sada.asn.au



The 2020 ADF Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for **Thursday, 26 November 2020**, In accordance with this meeting of members and the ADF Constitution, the Board must comprise of at least four (4) Business Directors, provided there are no more than two (2) Business Directors from any one state. Further, the constitution also states that the maximum term a Business Director may serve is three (3) years without submitting for re-election (clauses 4.3.1 and 4.3.2).

If you are interested in standing for election as a Business Director of ADF please give the office a call on Phone: 8293 2399, applications must be received by no later than **5.00pm Friday 11 September 2020**.



DataGene Limited delivers innovative, pre-competitive services to the dairy herd improvement industry. DataGene enable farmers to make timely and effective data driven decisions in genetics and herd management. The Board of DataGene is responsible for approving strategic and operating plans and setting performance targets. Ensures policies and systems are in place to manage risk and ensure high standards of accountability, ethical behaviour and legal compliance in accordance with DataGene's compliance framework. To enquire, please contact Nigel Crawley on 1300 380 701 or apply to rimfireresources.com.au by Friday August 28th at **5PM**.

SADA welcomes 100 % Water allocation

SADA has welcomed the minimum water allocations in 2020-21 for South Australian Class 3 (High Security) and Class 8 entitlement holders reached 100 per cent from 17 August 2020. This has risen from 81 per cent announced in August 2020.

Private Carryover was made available for eligible water users in the 2020-21 water year. This means that they were able to carryover their available allocation volumes that were not used by the end of the 2019-20 water year, up to 20 per cent of the volume of their Class 3 (High Security) entitlement.

The existing 100 per cent limit on the combined allocation and carryover volumes granted under Class 3 (High Security) entitlements continues to apply in 2020-21.

Under a rule change that came into effect on 1 July 2020, allocation volumes that would take an account above the 100 per cent limit in 2020-21 will be 'rolled over' into 2021-22.

Rollover volumes will only be available if the minimum opening allocation announced in April 2021 is 50 per cent or less, triggering carryover for 2021-22.

Now that allocations have reached 100 per cent this limit has been reached for all water users. Any part of an allocation increase that would have taken a water user above 100 per cent will now go into a rollover account.

There are currently two draft water related reports out for comment:

The [ACCC's MDB Water Markets Inquiry](#) and the [Productivity Commissions review of the National Water Initiative](#) (NWI).

Submissions on the ACCC Inquiry are currently due on 28 August 2020, while **submissions on the PC review are due 21 August 2020.**

Based on the questions asked in the ACCC Draft Report (which are focused on farmers' experiences of dealing with various groups and issues), the deadline of 28 August for submissions is not sufficient to allow industries to properly survey and consult with members (dairy irrigators) to build the sorts of meaningful responses the ACCC is looking for. I understand that the NFF is seeking an extension on this deadline and hopefully this will be available for other groups as well.

Do any of you have any comments you would like to make to NFF or ADF water taskforce?

The Dairy Industry Fund Calls for new projects

The South Australian Dairy Industry Fund (SADIF), continues to support projects that support South Australian dairy farmers.

SADIF has now funnelled over a million dollars into projects that have had direct benefit to SA dairy farmers. Recent projects have included research into Biochar and value of dung beetles in South Australia. As these research projects move towards finalisation the indications are that very useful information for farmers will find their way into the final reports. This information will be made freely available to all dairy farmers in South Australia.

A number of farms have also received direct financial benefit from the quad bike roll over subsidy scheme which has been directly paid for by the fund. The Board is now calling for expressions of interest from farmers, industry and interested groups for further projects.

The criteria for consideration are deliberately broad so as to attract applications. Essentially, there needs to be a demonstrable link in the outcome of the project to deliver useful information or results for the dairy industry in South Australia.



Nominations are open

Recognising South Australian towns that are excelling in agricultural practices and the flow on effect they have on their communities.

NOMINATE A TOWN

Dairy Action Plan Update

- John and Ashleigh had further meetings with Beston Global Foods regarding the preparation of cheese for the domestic market and marketing of the products.
- Ashleigh met with Daniel Raschella to discuss the traceability project, looking at “mapping” the supply chain to estimate the minimum number of blockchains.
- John through his work for SADA Fresh is also following up inquiries from China regarding the provision of Whole Milk Powder through the milk chain partners that SADA currently exports.
- Ashleigh completed a report regarding the government’s support for the South Australian Dairy Industry Action Plan 2019-2024. The plan continues to be rolled out with the assistance of the South Australian Government, DairySAFE, the DIAA (SA) and of course ourselves. Work is particularly focusing on traceability of dairy in the supply chain.
- Ashleigh and John hosted a meeting between ADF, SADA and the DIAA to consider the next stages in a traceability trial hosted in South Australia.

Around the grounds

- John attended the ACCC consultative committee advising the ACCC regarding the roll out of the dairy industry code. The meeting involved farmers from each state as well as processor representatives and representatives from the Federal Government. Without giving away confidences it seems most jurisdictions are now expressing their general support for the code.
- SADA also prepared a submission to the Coorong Council regarding the review of their position on GM products. The recent compromise in the Parliament has led to the matter of GM products being remitted to local councils to determine if they want to permit GM into their council areas. SADA continues to advocate for GM permissibility in all council districts which have dairy farms on economic grounds.
- Together with Amy Williams, Andrew met with David Pisoni, Minister for Innovation and Skills to discuss the Agribusiness Industry Skills Council and the Training & Skills Act Review. The impact of COVID-19 on the availability of skilled workers across a range of agricultural sectors was discussed.
- John attended the farm to assist that person with a contractual issue they were having with their processor. Contact was made with the processor during the course of the week and the contractual matter was resolved to the satisfaction of both parties.
- John also attended a briefing regarding the operation of South Australia’s Mining Act and its regulations. While few members of SADA may be impacted by mining activity there always remains the possibility that a dairy farmer may be impacted. SADA also assists other primary sector organisations where possible with such matters as part of being the premier representative organisation in South Australia.

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