



Update on recall of rockmelons from Australia

16 March 2018: The Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) has released about 100 tonnes of rockmelons from Australia today to importers for sale, after verifying that these rockmelons are not from the affected grower linked to an outbreak of human listeria in Australia. The Australian authorities have confirmed Rombola Family Farms as the affected grower linked to the listeria outbreak.

2 AVA had earlier initiated a recall of all whole rockmelons (cantaloupe) from Australia on 8 March. This was done as a precautionary measure, pending clarification on the sources of the rockmelons. AVA has worked closely with importers and retailers to verify the source of imported rockmelon consignments from Australia, and all consignments of rockmelons from the affected grower have been recalled and destroyed.

3 Consignments which are verified to be from non-affected sources have been released for sale. AVA has also taken samples of these rockmelons for testing, and the samples have tested negative for *Listeria monocytogenes* so far.

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