



Message from Ministry for Primary Industries regarding use of Frozen Berries

Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and local Councils are reminding cafes, restaurants, and food service providers that MPI is currently recommending that all imported frozen berries are boiled or cooked for 1 minute at 85° Celsius.

On 3 December 2015, MPI directed FSL Foods to recall its Fruzio frozen mixed berry product. The next day FSL Foods voluntarily recalled further products. You can find details about the recall in the following link: <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/media-releases/further-recall-of-fruzio-frozen-berries/>

MPI has increased surveillance of imported frozen berries. Sampling at the border has begun and an emergency food standard was gazetted last week that includes imported frozen berries as a prescribed food – and some retrospective has been initiated. MPI's investigation is on-going, and we have not ruled out further recalls of product. In the meantime, MPI's advice about all other imported frozen berries remains the same.

Thank you.

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