

## Welcome to New Members

A special welcome to all new members who joined the association at the end of last year. This is the first issue of 6 Cold Facts publications which is published every second month up to the last issue in December.

**Mark this date on your calendar  
16th - 18th August 2020.**

The NZ Cold Storage conference & Exhibition 2020 location is confirmed and the theme for this years' conference focusses on **"Making Sense of Compliance"**

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### Executive meeting

We are holding our first executive meeting on Wednesday 15th April.

If you have any issues or topics of interest you would like to be addressed by the executive, please let me know and I will add them to our agenda.

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The programme is currently being worked on and you will be sent your full conference packs over the next few months.

## External Influences on our International Trade

The UK has formally left the EU and although changes won't become apparent for several months the countdown to December 2020 when new rules must be in place has started.

change to requirements and [has a web page for the latest news.](#)

Now that it is confirmed Donald Trump will not be impeached we will continue to see the USA using trade restrictive policies in its dealings with other countries.



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New Zealand's FTA negotiations with the EU are bound to be affected and we are one of three countries the UK has indicated it will negotiate an FTA with. MPI is releasing an FYI to let exporters know of any immediate

And last but definitely not least, Coronavirus has become well established in China and has spread to other countries. *Continued on Page 3*

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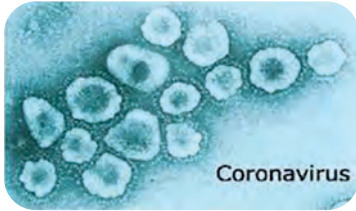
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Actions taken to restrict its spread within China are having a huge influence on the movement of food into and around China. It is creating a huge problem worldwide...how much we don't really know.



Coronavirus

How the virus will affect trade with other countries is yet to be seen. MPI has set up a web pages that will provide information and advice on Coronavirus. You will find the MPI web page under "Coronavirus - Information for Exporters". This site is being reviewed every 24 hours.

## Surprise, Surprise! 2019 was New Zealand's fourth warmest year since 1909



2019, clocked in as New Zealand's fourth warmest since 1909 with an average temperature of 13.37°C. NIWA's annual climate summary shows it's now been 35 months since New Zealand had a month with below average temperatures. Five of the past seven years have been among New Zealand's hottest on record. The hottest year on record for New Zealand was 2016 with a nationwide average temperature of 13.45°C. The years 1998 and 2018 are tied in second place with an average of 13.41°C.

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## Another good kiwifruit season is likely

Although it's early days yet, there are promising signs of it being another good year for kiwifruit. Zespri's chief grower and alliances officer, Dave Courtney told **Rural News** that the feedback from growers on the state of the vines is very positive. He says towards the end of last year, flower numbers and pollination was looking good. He's heard nothing that would suggest there were any problems.

This news comes on the back of a good season for Zespri, which for the first time saw more gold kiwifruit sold in the market than the traditional green variety. Courtney says that the higher price paid in the market for gold meant that grower returns were better than in past years. And with more gold being planted, all being well, returns to growers will continue to increase.



“Last season saw volumes slightly down on the previous season and the size of fruit was also smaller. But the quality was better and the season started earlier which allowed us to put strong volumes into the marketplace and that continued throughout the year.



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## New Zealand seafood rated **'best choice'**

Global sustainable seafood authority Monterey Bay Aquarium has given the green light to New Zealand Green shell mussels, Pacific oysters and salmon - granting them a 'best choice' rating under its latest Seafood Watch programme.

The programme helps consumers and businesses choose seafood that's fished or farmed in ways that support healthy oceans now and in the future. For New Zealand marine and freshwater salmon, the recommendation

marks a second successive 'best choice' rating - the only country to have achieved this for farmed salmon.

New Zealand salmon are unique in many ways - the species, the environment and the methods used, and most of all in the quality of the products we produce. Seafood Watch is the gold standard of global consumer guides and the positive recommendation shows our aquaculture industry is leading the world with its sustainability practices."

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## EastPack uses new technology to increase storage capacity

EastPack has installed a second fully automated coolstore (20 m high). The new building will hold a million trays. Eastpack CEO Hamish Simson says the reasons for the new coolstore are twofold. “We are increasingly looking at automation to achieve a few outcomes,” he says.

“We are getting to the point where we have less and less usable land on our sites, so we can’t go out anymore, we’ve got to go up.” “For storage options requiring forklifts, the

height limit is the equivalent of three storeys, meaning that automation is needed for anything higher.

Technology’s always changing.

[The new stores] use a hybrid of a couple of technologies, what we call large robotic cranes which run down an aisle and carry a pallet and put it in a slot. For very deep racking, the shuttle then picks up the pallet and takes it deep into the racking.”

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If you have any information that will benefit members...don't keep it a secret! Let me know and if necessary I can help you write it into an article. Information sharing is a vital part of any healthy association. When you consider the turnout and member participation at our conferences I believe we can consider ourselves a very healthy association.

MPI are considering contingencies around the effects of the Coronavirus outbreak and the implications this is having for storage due to Animal Products export volume decreases into China. I sent out an email on Friday requesting some accurate data on this. Thankyou to those of you who have already replied and to all of you who will be sending the information over the next few days.