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I support option 4, allowing raw milk and raw milk products to be sold for human consumption. Option 2 is barely a change at all. Nobody is fooled.

I think it unfortunate that the assessment reports have failed to distinguish between grass-fed and conventionally-kept dairy cattle. Pasture-fed cows have milk which is much less likely to contain pathogenic bacteria, and much less likely to allow such bacteria to survive or multiply.

I see no convincing evidence that grass-fed raw milk or raw cheese has caused illness more often than pasteurised dairy products, raw meat and seafood, or deli meats, all of which are still legal.

I don't see why I can't buy or sell traditional foods that are perfectly legal and well-regulated in Europe and New Zealand. I hope FSANZ will do as it says it intended to, several years back, and throw out these food-phobic restrictions.

sincerely,
Elisa Brock