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Strawberry and fruit tampering investigation: Information and resources

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With multiple reports of contamination of strawberries and other fruits reported recently, Food South Australia is supporting efforts to keep consumers informed and encourage ongoing support of producers.

SAPOL is the lead Government agency for the case in South Australia and s working with SA Health to coordinate public messages.

The South Australian strawberry industry, which is only weeks away from commencing harvest, is increasing safeguards and the Adelaide Produce Market is installing a metal detector and investigating implementation of tamper proof packaging.

Reporting contamination

If consumers find foreign objects in fruit in South Australia, it should be reported to SAPOL immediately by phoning 13 1444. Anyone with any information relating to who may be responsible for this matter should contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Police news updates can be viewed here.

Statement by the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

The Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, the Hon. Tim Whetstone MP, released a statement of support for the South Australian strawberry industry on 18 September 2018. Read the statement here.

SA Health

SA Health updates can be viewed on their homepage at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au

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