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FONTERRA CONFIRMS DANONE HAS INITIATED LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Fonterra today confirmed that Danone has formally initiated legal proceedings.

This action by Danone follows the whey protein concentrate precautionary recall initiated by Fonterra in August last year.

Fonterra has been in ongoing commercial discussions with Danone and is disappointed that they have resulted in legal action.

Fonterra will now work through the detail of Danone's claims. It continues to be confident in its position and will vigorously defend any proceedings.

Fonterra stands by its track record of having world-class food safety and quality standards, quality systems, and robust testing regimes across all its manufacturing facilities.

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About Fonterra

Fonterra is a global leader in dairy nutrition – the preferred supplier of [dairy ingredients](#) to many of the world's leading food companies. Fonterra is also a market leader with our own [consumer dairy brands](#) in Australia/New Zealand, Asia/Africa, Middle East and Latin America.

The [farmer-owned](#) New Zealand co-operative is the largest processor of milk in the world, producing more than two million tonnes of dairy ingredients, value added dairy ingredients, specialty ingredients and consumer products every year. Drawing on [generations of dairy expertise](#), Fonterra is one of the largest investors in dairy based [research and innovation](#) in the world. Our more than [16,000 staff](#) work across the dairy spectrum from advising farmers on sustainable farming and milk production, to ensuring we live up to exacting quality standards and delivering every day on our customer promise in more than 100 markets around the world.

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