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Minister's Online Newsletter



June 2017

Welcome to the latest edition of my Newsletter. Since my last update I have been incredibly busy on a number of fronts. Brexit has dominated my agenda and I have been engaging with stakeholders across levels, here in Ireland, in the EU and in the UK to ensure that the interests of the our Agri-Food and fisheries sector are protected and prioritised. Internationally I have been working hard on developing and opening market opportunities to mitigate the potential impact of Brexit and to build towards meeting our Foodwise 2025 targets.

BREXIT

Over the past number of months, I have travelled to a number of Member States including, Denmark, France, Poland and the Netherlands, and I have also held bilateral meetings in the margins of the monthly Agriculture & Fisheries Council of Ministers meetings, with my EU colleagues and the Commissioner, specifically to discuss Brexit and the potential implications for the agri-food & fisheries sectors here in Ireland.



Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed TD meets EU's chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier.

The main thrust of these discussions has been to impress upon Ministers across the EU how important it is for Ireland to maintain its trading relationship with the U.K. and to outline the integrated nature of the North-South food economy.

Furthermore, I have sought to establish common ground with Member States who share similar exposure, be it from a food exports or fisheries perspective, in order to help shape future negotiations on such matters. These meetings have provided an opportunity to raise awareness of our unique position amongst Member States who may be sensitised to the potential impact of Brexit on EU Member State economies.

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All Island Civic Dialogue

At the start of May, I hosted a fourth All-Island civic dialogue to discuss the implications of Brexit for the agri-food and fisheries sectors. Following on from earlier dialogues in December 2016 and February 2017, the event considered the implications for the alcohol, brewing and distilling sectors.

I very much welcome the opportunity to further extend my own and my Department's consultation with the agri-food sector on the implications of Brexit. As with the earlier sectoral dialogues which covered the cattle and sheep, cereals, horticulture, and seafood sectors, these discussions were conducted in a very open, constructive manner. It allowed me and my Department to hear at first hand, and in more detail, the concerns of this vitally important sector as the Brexit process moves from an initial, preparatory phase into more substantive negotiations on the terms of the UK's exit from the EU.

The discussions covered a range of issues, including the short-term effects of the ongoing uncertainty, and the longer-term challenges posed by potential changes in the areas of tariffs and trade, regulations and standards, and border controls and certification

I want to emphasise the very worthwhile contribution that the dialogue has made to my own and to the Department's preparations for Brexit. I look forward to further engagement with stakeholders as the negotiation process unfolds over the coming months.



Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed TD, at the fourth All-Island civic dialogue to discuss the implications of Brexit for the agri-food and fisheries sectors.

Sectoral Dialogue for the Seafood Sector - Irish Seafood Sector plans for Brexit

At the beginning of February, I hosted a Sectoral Dialogue focused on the Seafood Sector and the potential impacts it could face from Brexit.

Opening the dialogue, I highlighted the importance of ensuring that the Seafood Sector is protected during Brexit negotiation. The key challenge for this Government will be to ensure that fisheries concerns and those of the wider seafood sector are high on the EU agenda and that our sector is not separated from the overall negotiations on a new EU/UK relationship.

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For the Seafood sector, Brexit poses a very particular set of serious threats over and above the trade implications common to most sectors. That is not to underplay the importance of a good trade outcome for the seafood sector but rather to emphasise the reality that this sector faces challenges that are unique.

I explained that those threats were potential loss of access to fishing grounds in the UK zone and possible attempts by the UK to increase its current quota share at the expense of Ireland and others. Any changes to existing rights for the Irish and EU catching sector must be resisted strenuously.

The turnout and active engagement by stakeholders from across the sector demonstrates the desire of all to pull together in the effort to protect Irish interests as we enter Brexit negotiations. I want to thank all concerned for their very positive contribution to what was a very engaging afternoon, and to assure them once again that their concerns and ideas will be taken on board.



Speakers at the Seafood Sectoral Dialogue on Brexit: L-R Patrick Murphy, Tara Mc Carthy CEO Bord Bia, Michael Creed, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Sean O'Donohue, Killybegs Fishermans' Association, Lorcan O Cinneide, Irish Fish Processors and Exporters Association, Dr Cecil Beamish, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Trade Mission

At the end of February, I led a delegation of over 30 Irish agri-food and agri-tech companies on a week-long trade mission to the Gulf States. This Trade Mission was a fantastic opportunity to promote the Irish agri-food sector in key markets. Together Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates are already taking over €200m of our food exports, which is an increase of over 50% in just the last three years. Irish exports to the GCC countries are already at €250 million and set to increase in the coming years. I am determined to be as active as I can in promoting Irish agri-food products in as many markets as possible. The Gulf States offers enormous potential for the Irish food and drink industry and can contribute to achieving the ambitious targets in the Food Wise 2025 strategy. Combining efforts at political, diplomatic, technical and commercial levels through trade missions such as this one is a valuable means of

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raising the profile of Ireland as a food producing nation and unlocking commercial opportunities for Irish food and agri tech companies.

I was accompanied by senior delegates from Bord Bia, Enterprise Ireland, Sustainable Food Systems Ireland and Irish Thoroughbred Marketing. The mission included visits to Riyadh, Abu Dhabi and Dubai, all major cities in the region, and involved over 30 separate engagements, including meetings with key political influencers, regulatory bodies, and potential customers for Irish produce. There was also an important equine focus in Dubai, where I held a meeting with Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

The main focus of events in Dubai was a visit to Gulfood, the world's largest agri-food trade fair, where over 20 Irish companies exhibited at the Green Pavilion, coordinated by Bord Bia. Gulfood is the world's largest annual food event and has over 5,000 exhibitors from 120 countries and there are an estimated 95,000 visitors to Gulfood.

This Trade Mission to the Gulf was planned specifically to coincide with Gulfood, which provided Irish companies with an exciting opportunity to showcase the best of their safe, high quality and sustainably produced food and drink, across a range of sectors including dairy, meat, eggs, consumer foods, biscuits and more. I was particularly pleased to see over 20 Irish companies participating in this event showcasing the best of what Ireland has to offer in this sector.



Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed, TD, on a visit to Gulfood, the world's largest agri-food trade fair, where over 20 Irish companies are exhibiting at the Green Pavilion, coordinated by Bord Bia.

I had a high-level meeting with the Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), His Excellency Mr. Abdul Ratif Bin Rashid Al Zayani, in Riyadh. The GCC which represents six Gulf member States, similar to the European Union is important in terms of trade relations and standardisation of import conditions. The meeting with the Secretary General was essential to improve our understanding of the changing food safety regulations in this region in order to facilitate growing Irish exports. I emphasised at the meeting that I believe that the implementation of upcoming GCC guidelines of Food Imports also provide an opportunity for Ireland because our systems of food safety and controls appear to be very closely aligned. I took this opportunity to reassure the GCC that our food safety systems are second to none and we look forward to working with them closely in the implementation of their new requirements.

On the first day of the Irish agri-food Trade Mission to the Gulf region, I announced

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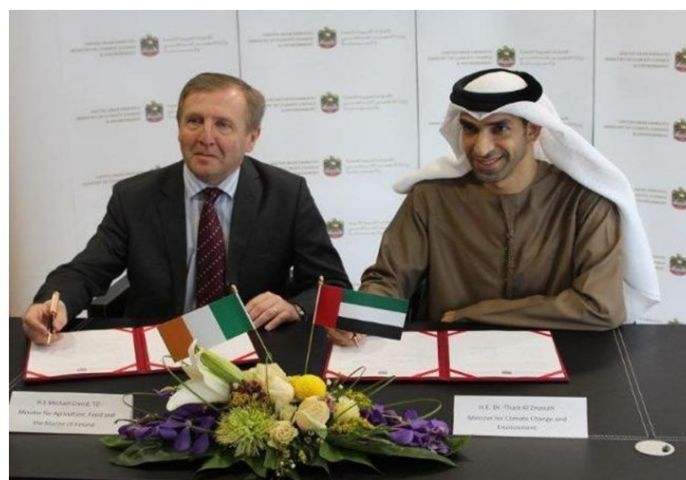
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an agreement on enhanced access for Irish beef to Saudi Arabia, This agreement follows high level discussions between myself and Prof. Dr Hisham Saad Aljadhey, the Executive President of the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA), which is the competent authority in Saudi Arabia for market access matters.

I was delighted to secure the agreement after discussions with Prof. Dr Hisham Saad Aljadhey. This agreement will make a difference to Irish companies wishing to export beef to Saudi Arabia, by adding processed, cooked, minced and bone-in beef to the products that can be exported to Saudi Arabia. This is testament to the high regard in which Irish beef is held here and marks the culmination of intensive work by my Department, our Embassy here in Riyadh and the industry over recent months.

I also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with my counterpart H.E Dr. Thani Ahmed Al Zeyoudi the Minister of Climate Change and Environment in the United Arab Emirates.



Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed, TD, signing a Memorandum of Understanding with his counterpart H.E Dr. Thani Ahmed Al Zeyoudi the Minister of Climate Change and Environment in the United Arab Emirates.

The UAE is a very new horizon for us from a trading point of view. The meeting with Minister Al Zeyoudi, and signing of the MoU, was about increasing the scope for deeper collaboration between our two countries and exploring how Ireland can help meet the food supply diversification needs of the UAE. As a country that exports 90% of the food that it produces, Ireland is an excellent fit with the region here which is dependent on food imports to meet 90% of its food needs. Our strong focus on quality, traceability and sustainability make Ireland a natural partner for the UAE.

I also met with senior representatives of the Abu Dhabi Food Control Authority which is the competent authority for food safety in Abu Dhabi, along with their partner organisation the Abu Dhabi Farm Services Centre.

I was very keen to highlight the important role of Sustainable Food Systems Ireland (SFSI) as a vehicle for sharing Ireland's expertise in the agri food sector, and to reiterate Ireland's ability and interest in providing technical assistance, in areas such as animal health, food and feed safety, sustainability, productivity and routes to market. We feel that we are in an excellent position to share this expertise on a commercial basis and that such collaboration ultimately leads to the kind of relationships upon which long term trading arrangements are built.

On the final leg of my trade mission to the Gulf States, I met with the Deputy Ruler of Dubai HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, a long term friend of Ireland.

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It was an important opportunity to meet with HH Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, who has been a great supporter of Irish racing, and of Irish business generally over the years. It was good to learn that he remains steadfast in his commitment to the industry. His Highness is also a significant backer of the redevelopment of the Curragh racecourse and was very interested to learn about how that project is progressing.

Low Cost Loan Scheme for Farmers - Loans of up to €150,000, for up to 6 years, at interest rate of 2.95%

In January, I launched the Agriculture Cashflow Support Loan Scheme. The Scheme was developed in co-operation with the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland (SBCI), which confirmed that AIB, Bank of Ireland and Ulster Bank will distribute the loans, making €150 million available to farmers throughout Ireland at low-cost interest rate of 2.95%. This is supported by €25 million being provided by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, including €11 million in EU exceptional adjustment aid.

One of my priorities is to address the impact sterling exchange rate fluctuations and lower commodity prices which are causing cash flow difficulties for farmers. This innovative loan scheme will provide farmers with a low cost, flexible source of working capital. This will allow them to pay down more expensive forms of short-term debt, such as merchant credit or overdrafts, contributing to the ongoing financial sustainability of their farming enterprises.

This loan scheme forms part of a “three pillar strategy” in response to income volatility, which the Minister announced as part of Budget 2017. Along with tax measures and farm payments, it will alleviate some of the pressures being caused by the recent market difficulties, which have been compounded by the uncertainty around Brexit.

The SBCI has demonstrated its commitment to the agriculture sector and has worked with my Department to get this product to the market in a timely manner. I welcome the participation of the main banks, which will ensure nation-wide coverage for the scheme. The fact that most farmers will have an existing relationship with the participating banks should facilitate the loan application process.

The SBCI has said that €60.2m has been drawn down by farmers up to the end of April. The average loan size is €32,000, with more than half the loans being advanced for terms of four years or more. Normal bank lending criteria applies to the Scheme and the terms and conditions of each individual loan are agreed between the bank and the applicant according to the



The Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine, Michael Creed TD, today launched the Agriculture Cashflow Support Loan Scheme. Pictured with Nick Ashmore , Chief Executive Officer of the SBCI

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Re-Opening of Egyptian Market to Irish Beef

In January, I welcomed the agreement reached with the Egyptian authorities which reopens the market there to Irish beef. The agreement provides for the approval of five Irish plants to commence exports to Egypt once the necessary technical arrangements are in place.

I am delighted to see the Egyptian market re-opened for Irish beef once again given the size of the potential market there. We know that prior to their ban on EU beef in the late 1990's it was one of the largest markets for Irish beef at the time. This announcement on Egypt is another example of achieving the market access goals in the Food Wise 2025 strategy. My Department will continue to work closely with Bord Bia, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Irish exporters both to seek new markets for our exports but also to enhance the existing levels of market access.

Egypt is the largest consumer market in the Middle East and North Africa with around 95 million consumers. It is the third biggest destination for Irish agri-food exports to Africa with exports of €45 million in 2015, almost exclusively dairy (€30.5 million) and seafood (€11 million). This announcement follows on from the opening of the Egyptian market to live Irish cattle in February of 2016, after an inspection visit to Ireland by the Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture. The announcement also includes approval for beef offals and a limited approval for particular types of sheepmeat products.

The search for new third country markets is a top priority for my Department and has taken on an added urgency in the context of the challenges posed by the upcoming UK exit from the EU. 2016 was a great success in terms of beef market access. It saw the extension of our beef market access to the US as well as the opening of the Canadian, New Zealand and Israeli beef markets.

Funding of over €800,000 for CEDRA—Innovation and Development Fund

I am very pleased to support a number of initiatives which will promote and develop the practice of social farming across rural Ireland. Social farming allows people, who are availing of a range of health service supports, the opportunity to participate in farming activities in their local area. I know that working on farming and horticulture projects has helped many participants to improve their wellbeing and grow their confidence. For participating farm families, social farming has proved a very worthwhile and satisfying activity which contributes to the local community.

Social farming initiatives are a reflection of the Irish proverb 'ní neart go cur le chéile' (there is no strength without unity), and I hope that my Department's funding of social farming projects, and the establishment of a Social Farming Network, will be of real benefit to local rural communities.

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I have recently awarded funding of €542,325 to two social farming projects as part of a competitive tender process under the CEDRA scheme. The first project contract was awarded to the Leitrim Development Company to design, develop and implement a Social Farming Network across Ireland with funding of €400,000. The second project was awarded to South Kerry Development Partnership with funding of €142,325 for the provision of a Social Farming Model Project with national benefits.

Two additional social farming project proposals were awarded part-funding of €250,000. Down Syndrome Ireland (Cork Branch) was awarded funding of €137,000 to develop a horticultural centre for adults with Down Syndrome. Funding of €113,000 was awarded to Leitrim Development Company, in collaboration with University College Dublin (UCD), to establish a social farming best practice project for both local and national audiences.

Finally, my Department provided sponsorship of €12,500 to Barry Kavanagh (supported by Social Farming Across Boundaries Ltd.) for his award-winning social farming garden at Bloom 2016, which helped to raise awareness and promote the concept of social farming.

87% of Farmers apply online for annual €1.2 Billion Basic Payment Scheme

I am greatly encouraged by the very significant number of farmers applying online for their basic payment this year. 87% of farmers availed of the online option for the 2017 scheme, a number which far exceeds the EU target of 75% for this period. 13,000 extra farmers made the move online making it a total of 113,600 online applications which puts Ireland well on track to meeting the 100% online target for 2018.

My Department has put in place a range of supports in order to encourage farmers to apply online for their BPS. For example, officials from my Department have been in a number of locations around the country in recent weeks meeting directly with farmers on a one to one basis and helping them through the online BPS application process. The feedback received from farmers using this service has been very positive. In advance of the EU requirement that 100% of applications are online in 2018, my Department will continue to work with farmers, farm bodies, and agricultural advisors to ensure that the continued roll out of online BPS application will deliver real benefits for farmers in a way that ensures that access to this vital support is not impeded.

The benefit that continues to be available to online BPS applicants this year is the preliminary checks. These preliminary checks afford online applicants the opportunity to address any dual claims, over claims and overlaps identified on online applications within specified time frames to ensure prompt payment with the avoidance of penalties.

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€1.8 million European Maritime Fisheries Fund (EMFF) Grants to Seafood Processing and Aquaculture Sectors

Against the Brexit backdrop and its potential implications for our food exports, I am particularly pleased to see so many seafood enterprises continuing to invest in growing their production, developing new consumer products and growing and diversifying markets, something I witnessed first hand during my recent Trade Mission to the Gulf States. My Department's EMFFseafood development programme is providing a suite of 3 development schemes for our seafood processing sector that aim to incentivize seafood innovation and new product development, support capital investment in state of the art equipment to add value to raw material and to give processors the tools to diversify and develop their export markets.

In this first of a series of grant approvals for 2017, grant aid of almost €900,000 has been awarded to 7 seafood processors supporting in excess of €3 million in value adding capital investment, while grant aid of €824,000 has been awarded to 8 aquaculture enterprises supporting capital investment of €2.8 million that will directly contribute to growing output from these farms in the coming years and help achieve the ambitious sustainable growth targets we have set for our aquaculture sector.

I have provided Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) with €26 million of EMFF funds in 2017 and I expect to announce many more awards as the year progresses.

Minister of Vietnam on Mission to Ireland - Trade and co-operation the key focus

Together with my colleague in the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine the Minister of State, Andrew Doyle T.D. held discussions in April with the Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam, Mr. Trinh Dinh Dung, during his visit to Ireland. The meeting followed on from a major Irish agri-food trade mission to Vietnam last September, and focussed on collaboration between both countries in the area of trade, agriculture and food.

Trade between Ireland and Vietnam continues to grow across many different sectors of the economy, especially agri-food. I was delighted to have the opportunity to deepen our relationship with a country that is a significant net importer of food. We are very aware of the challenges Vietnam is facing in modernising its economy and specifically in the agriculture sector. We remain committed to working with Vietnam assisting in their economic development in any way we can. We think that Ireland can bring particular assistance to Vietnam on the development of sustainable agriculture, but also that we can be an important source of high quality food products for its growing population.

During the visit we hosted the visiting delegation on a dairy farm in Fermoy Co. Cork, before visiting the Teagasc centre in nearby Moorepark.

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The Deputy Prime Minister and I discussed potential mutual benefit in an EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement, which is advancing at EU level. This was the second high-profile visit to Ireland in April by a major Asian Country following the visit by China and allowed us the opportunity to showcase the best of what the Irish agri-food sector has to offer. Increasing Ireland's profile like this will be essential to the growth of the food sector and is part of the Government's wider response to the threats posed by Brexit. I look forward to engaging again with our Vietnamese partners in the near future as our relationship continues to grow.



The Vietnamese delegations visit to a farm at Mounrivers, Fermoy, Co. Cork are Michael Creed, Minister for Agriculture, Food & The Marine, Hoang Van Thang, Deputy Minister for Agriculture & Rural Development, Vietnam, Clement & Eileen Twomey, host farmers & Andrew Doyle, Minister of State at DAFM.

Minister Zhi Signs Landmark Protocol in Dublin

Minister Zhi and I signed a formal protocol on beef exports to China that paves the way to access for Irish beef to China. I also reached agreement to the proposed certificate to accompany consignments of crab exports and the agreement should facilitate the resumption of the crab trade between Ireland and China. China has become an extremely important market for Irish seafood and restoration of this trade is seen as particularly important for Irish seafood exporters ahead of Brexit.

We also signed an updated protocol on the export of horses to China. The update, requested by my Department, will allow horses not born in Ireland, but present here for six months, to be exported to China. Up to now, only horses born in Ireland were allowed to be exported to China under the protocol, which was signed in 2012.

This change to the protocol is good news for the Irish equine industry and a further step to develop the market in China for Irish horses. Over 80 Irish thoroughbred horses were exported to China in January this year, and I am sure that this trade will continue to strengthen going forward.

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Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed TD, made a number of significant advances in the development of Irish exports of beef, seafood and thoroughbred horses to China, during a meeting with Chinese Minister Zhi Shuping.

€28m in funding for Capital Projects at Ireland's Six Fishery Harbour Centres and at Local Authority Owned Small Harbours Announced

In early February I announced details of a €28m Capital Investment Package for the ongoing development of Ireland's Local Authority owned small harbour network.

The €28m I am allocating for the 2017 Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Capital Programme represents a significantly increased capital investment in the six Fishery Harbour Centres and other fisheries related marine infrastructure. It is testament not only to this Government's ongoing commitment to the Seafood sector, but also to the success of the sector in terms of increased activity levels.

The Annual Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Capital Programme provides funding for development works, safety and maintenance at the six Fishery Harbour Centres at Howth, Dunmore East, Castletownbere, Dingle, Ros an Mhil and Killybegs. The primary function of the Fishery Harbour Centres is to underpin the ongoing development of the fisheries and seafood processing sectors, while also facilitating other diverse marine related activities. The annual value of all fish landings into the six Fishery Harbour Centres increased from €136.8m to €262.3m over the period from 2010 to 2015.

I have set aside almost €25.5m towards development works, safety and maintenance at the six Fishery Harbour Centres which account for around 85% of all fish landed into Ireland. I have also proved €2.5m for a Local Authority Harbour Development and Marine Leisure programme to assist coastal Local Authorities in the repair and development of small scale piers, harbours and slipways under their ownership.

This €28m investment will build on the €64m invested in the Fishery Harbour Centres since 2010 and the €23m invested in the Local Authority infrastructure over the same period.

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It continues to improve the facilities at our Fishery Harbour Centres and other public harbours around our coast attracting increasing and additional economic activities, benefitting a broad cohort of current and future harbour users including the fishing industry, seafood processing sector, other ancillary marine industries, and the wider rural coastal communities.



Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine Michael Creed TD, Jerry Gallagher - Chair North FLAG, Paddy Crowe - Chair of West FLAG, Kieran Calnan - Chairman BIM, Kevin Flannery - Acting Chair South West FLAG, Fionn O'Sullivan - Chair South FLAG, Garrett O'Brien - Chair North East FLAG, Mary Gavin - Vice Chair North West FLAG, Eibhlin O'Shea - South FLAG, Noel McDonagh - Chair South East FLAG.

€3.75 million Bord Bia beef and lamb promotional campaign

Three year promotion in China, Japan and Hong Kong a useful market diversification tool

I welcomed the signing of a contract between this Department and Bord Bia for a campaign to promote beef and lamb in China, Japan and Hong Kong. The total campaign spend over three years is valued at €3.75 million, comprising €3 million in EU funding and €750,000 in Bord Bia funding.

March marked Bord Bia's first major promotion under the programme with a strong presence planned at Foodex, a key food trade fair in Japan which attracts over 80,000 food buyers, importers, processors, retailers, restaurateurs and chefs.

This is the first Irish programme approved under the new EU promotion regime. I am delighted to see EU recognition and financial support for an attractive industry programme to raise awareness among Chinese and Japanese consumers of the versatility and nutritional value of European beef and lamb. We can be proud of our quality, food safety, animal welfare and environmentally friendly production methods. Promotion campaigns such as

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this enable us to showcase these attributes on the European and world stages and I would welcome more such campaigns particularly as we aim to diversify into third Country markets such as those in the East.

Identifying market opportunities, building awareness and securing business in a more diversified range of markets has never been more important to the future of our quality food production. Brexit presents a unique challenge. The Department and Bord Bia are working closely with the agri-food sector to sustain and grow our trade links.

The growth potential of South-East Asia for food and drink exports had been identified by Bord Bia and Irish companies alike in recent years. To support Irish exporters leverage this potential, in September 2016, I officially opened a Bord Bia office in Singapore.

SeaFest, Ireland's National Maritime Festival

I was delighted to officially launch SeaFest 2017, a unique festival that creates awareness of our maritime heritage and celebrates our seas and all the opportunities that they provide to us.

SeaFest, which takes place in Galway for the second year in a row from 30th June to 2nd July, has quickly become one of the most popular summer festivals in Ireland. It brings together a wide range of agencies, partners and businesses in the marine sector.

This year's festival is expanding to a three day event with an exciting line up of attractions, including PowerFly's world champion flyboarders, the tall ship The Phoenix, boat tours, a showcase of the finest of Irish seafood by Bord Iascaigh Mhara and Bord Bia, demonstrations and a range of activities that bring visitors on a journey of discovery when it comes to the mysteries of the ocean. It is truly a festival for everyone to enjoy.

SeaFest plays a vital role in the Harnessing Our Ocean Wealth's key goal of increasing participation and engagement with the sea. It deepens knowledge and appreciation of the ocean and builds on how we can each work to protect while also benefiting from our abundant maritime resources.



Launch of SeaFest, Ireland's national maritime festival

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1— 5 June:	Bloom, Phoenix Park
9 June:	Visit by PS Hu, Chinese Deputy PM
9 June:	Brexit Stakeholders Meeting for Horse and Greyhound Sector
12 June:	AgriFish Council of Ministers Meeting, Luxembourg
15 June:	Oral PQs
19 June – 24 June	Agri-Food Trade Mission to USA and Mexico
25 June:	Embrace Remembrance Service, Abbeylax
28 June :	Foodwise High Level Implementation Committee meeting
29 June-1 July:	Seafest, Galway

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