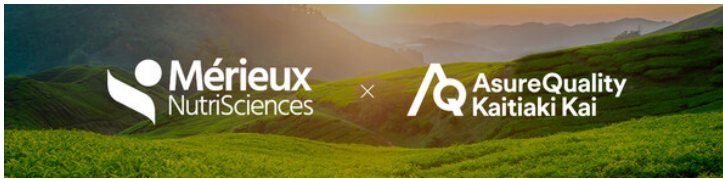


MÃ©rieux NutriSciences and AsureQuality launch MÃ©rieux NutriSciences AQ

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MÃ©rieux NutriSciences, a global leader in food safety, quality, and sustainability, and AsureQuality, New Zealand's premier food assurance, announced the official launch of their joint venture, MÃ©rieux NutriSciences AQ (MNAQ). The formation of MNAQ follows the successful completion of MÃ©rieux NutriSciences' acquisition of Bureau Veritas' worldwide food testing activities, including its stake in the BVAQ joint ventures in Southeast Asia and Australia.

With the transaction having officially closed in Southeast Asia in January 2025 and now finalised in Australia, MNAQ is fully established and poised to become a leading provider of food testing, assurance, and sustainability solutions in both regions.

Kim Ballinger, CEO of AsureQuality, highlighted the strategic significance of the partnership:

"We are excited to officially launch MNAQ, reinforcing our commitment to delivering trusted food assurance services to the industry in Australia and Southeast Asia. This partnership with MÃ©rieux NutriSciences strengthens our ability to support New Zealand exporters in key global markets and drive innovation in food safety and quality."

Nicolas Cartier, CEO of MÃ©rieux NutriSciences, echoed this enthusiasm: "The completion of this joint venture marks an important milestone in our global growth strategy and purpose. By combining our scientific expertise and deep industry knowledge, and leveraging a team of over 700 talented employees, MNAQ is uniquely positioned to serve our customers across the food value chain with high-value, science-based solutions. Together with our partners at AsureQuality, we are proud to contribute to safer, more sustainable food systems across Southeast Asia and Australia, and beyond."

As MNAQ moves forward, it will focus on delivering innovative, science-driven solutions to support food industry players in the region. With a strong foundation built on technical excellence and a shared commitment to food integrity and customer-centricity, the joint venture aims to set new benchmarks for food assurance in Southeast Asia and Australia.