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**CIRCULAR**

**To All Importers of Minimally Processed Fruits & Vegetables**

*(All declaring agents are requested to inform your consignees or importers of the contents of this circular)*

Dear Sirs

**IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR READY-TO-EAT MINIMALLY PROCESSED (MP) FRUITS & VEGETABLES FROM MALAYSIA**

To facilitate the import as well as to enhance the food safety of ready-to-eat MP fruits and vegetables from Malaysia, the following import requirements will be implemented with effect from 1 Mar 2012.

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- (i) Importers are required to obtain ready-to-eat MP fruits and vegetables from producers registered and certified by Malaysia's Ministry of Health (MOH) and produce documentary proof to AVA that the producer is registered by MOH
- (ii) AVA will issue an Establishment Code to the importer which must be declared in the Establishment field in Tradexchange when applying for an import permit
- (iii) The submission of monthly pesticide residue and microbiological laboratory analysis reports to AVA will be waived
- (iv) The import of ready-to-eat minimally processed fruits and vegetables from non-MOH certified producers will not be allowed.
- (vi) All ready-to-eat MP fruits and vegetables from Malaysia must be properly labelled with the following information:
  - a) Product brand and description
  - b) Ingredient list (if applicable)
  - c) Net weight
  - d) "Use-by" date or equivalent date marking
  - e) Name and address of processing establishment
  - f) Country of origin
  - g) Name and address of importer

- (vii) The ready-to-eat minimally processed fruits & vegetables should be transported in refrigerated vehicles if the products required chilling temperature. The containers and vehicles used in the transportation **must** be in a clean and hygienic condition. You are advised to clean the containers and vehicles daily to maintain it in clean condition at all time.

3 If you are importing the minimally processed fruits & vegetables from **Malaysia**, your cooperation in the compliance of the above requirements will definitely enhance the food safety standards for ready-to-eat minimally processed fruits & vegetables products imported into Singapore.

4 Please call AVA TradeNet officer at Tel: 63250784, or Mr Yusoff Latiff at Tel: 63250787, or Mr Dominic Chng at Tel: 63257143, if you need any clarification.

Yours faithfully

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