



CIRCULAR

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All Food Importers / Declaring Agents

All declaring agents are requested to inform the importers on the contents of the circular.

Dear Sir/Madam

SUBMISSION OF CERTIFICATE OF ORIGIN (COO) AND PRE-TESTING CERTIFICATE FOR GREEN TEA PRODUCTS FROM JAPAN

Please refer to our circulars dated 27 June 2011 and 16 January 2012.

2 The Japanese Authority, Ministry of Agriculture, Fishery and Forestry (MAFF) has informed AVA that the prefectural governments are the authorised competent authorities in Japan for the issuance of the certificate of origin (COO) for green tea and green tea products produced in Shizuoka prefecture, and the COO will now be accompanied by a pre-testing certificate for every consignment of Shizuoka produced green tea and green tea products exported to Singapore.

3 In view of the above initiative by MAFF, AVA will therefore require the submission of the pre-testing certificate, in addition to the COO, for the import of every consignment of Shizuoka produced green tea and green tea product from Japan, with effect from 1 June 2012. Your suppliers can contact the prefectural governments directly if they would like to enquire on the application procedures of COO and the pre-testing certificate. The contact information of the prefectural governments can be found in our circular dated 27 June 2011.

4 To facilitate import clearance of green tea and green tea products, you are required to declare the prefecture of origin accordingly in your permit declaration and fax in a copy of the COO and pre-testing certificate for our verification.

5 Please contact our TradeNet officers at Tel: 6325 0783, 6325 0784 and 6325 7552, if you require any clarification. Thank You.

Yours faithfully

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