



## CIRCULAR

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To all meat importers and declaring agents  
*All declaring agents are requested to inform the importers on the contents of the circular.*

Dear Sir / Madam

### **AUTO-APPROVAL OF IMPORT PERMIT APPLICATION FOR CERTAIN MEAT PRODUCTS FROM NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA AND BRAZIL**

I refer to our circular dated 27 Sep 2011.

In order to facilitate the cargo clearance of meat products, AVA implemented automatic approval of permit applications for certain selected meat products from Australia, New Zealand and Brazil with effect from 1 Oct 2011.

Through random selection of the automatically approved permits and from field inspections, AVA has identified errors in these declarations. There is an average of 11% error rate in total back-end checked permits observed from Jan to Oct 2012. Four major error types were identified, including country of origin, product code, establishment code and product quantity.

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight that it is the declaring agent, as well as the importer's responsibility to ensure correct declaration of import permit. Please ensure that the information declared in your declaration is truthful and accurate at all times. AVA may reverse certain importers to online manual processing if frequent wrong errors were observed in auto-approved declarations.

Please feel free to contact Mr Lai Fah Choong at 6325 7624 or Ms June Koh at 6325 7683 if you need further clarifications.

Yours faithfully

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