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To All Fresh Fruits Importers

Dear Sir / Madam

IMPORT OF ROCK MELON FROM AUSTRALIA TO SINGAPORE

Australian authorities had earlier notified the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) of a recall in Australia of whole rock melons (cantaloupe) from a specific grower, which have been linked to an outbreak of human listeriosis in Australia. The Australian authorities provided new information on 7 March 2018, which indicates that more implicated consignments have been exported to Singapore.

As a precautionary measure, all importers are requested to recall all consignments of rock melons imported from Australia with immediate effect. To facilitate the import of rock melons from Australia, importers are required to declare the source (i.e. farm where the rock melons are harvested) under the "Brand Name" field when declaring for import permits. Please attach supporting documents (e.g. invoice, packing list, etc) to show the source (farm name), the name of the exporter and the date of harvest of the rock melons. You are advised to declare for your import permits in advance as applications will be subjected to checks by AVA.

Please feel free to contact us at Tel: 6805 2990 or email: ava_import&export_foodstuff@ava.gov.sg, if you have any other queries.

Yours faithfully

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