



## CIRCULAR

25 Mar 2011

All Food Importers / Declaring agents

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

Dear Sir/Madam

- A) SUSPENSION OF FRESH AND PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FROM CHIBA AND EHIME PREFECTURES**
- B) HOLD AND TEST OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS IMPORTED FROM JAPAN**

Please refer to our circulars dated 15 and 22 Mar 2011.

Following the detection by the Japanese authorities of high levels of radioactive contamination in fresh produce in the Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma prefectures in Japan, AVA had already suspended the import of meat, fish and fish products, seaweed, fruits and vegetables, and milk and milk products from these 4 prefectures on 24 Mar 2011.

In view of the detection of radioactive contamination in vegetables imported into Singapore, AVA will extend the suspension on the import of fresh and processed fruits and vegetables to Chiba and Ehime prefectures. Therefore, the prefecture of origin of all imports of meat, fruits and vegetables, fish and fish products, seaweed, and milk and milk products from other parts of Japan have to be stated in the import declaration for the products.

In addition, AVA is stepping up on the sampling of certain food products from other parts of Japan. All consignments of fruits and vegetables, fish and fish products, seaweed, milk, cream and yoghurt will be subjected to hold-and-test with immediate effect until further notice. Sale or distribution is not allowed until approval by AVA. In view of the hold-and-test, all import declarations for these products will be routed for online approval. Other products may still be sampled for testing for radioactive contamination.

AVA inspectors will be contacting you to collect samples for testing purpose. You may also contact our inspectors at the following numbers to arrange for inspection too.

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Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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