



## CIRCULAR

21 Apr 2011

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) FOR FOOD PRODUCTS FROM JAPAN**

In view of the possible risk of radioactive contaminants in food products from Japan, AVA has suspended import of certain food products from 10 prefectures in Japan. Import of certain food products from other prefectures from Japan are currently under hold and test.

In order to facilitate import clearance, AVA will be requesting for every consignment of affected food products to be accompanied with a certificate of origin (COO). Products that require certificate of origin include milk and milk products, meat, seafood, fruits and vegetables (fresh and processed) and seaweed.

The Japanese authority, Ministry of Agriculture, Fishery and Forestry (MAFF) as well as each prefectural government will inform this new procedure to the exporters through their own website. The MAFF also has informed the national council for export promotion of agriculture, forestry and fisheries products of this procedure. Your suppliers can contact any prefectural governments if they want to enquire on the procedures. For fishery products, exporters can apply for the certificate from the Fishery agency in Tokyo.

Regarding the certification of shipments with products from several prefectures, MAFF has informed that each prefectural government will issue the certification even if the products from other prefectures are included.

MAFF has also informed that the prefectural government offices are not open for public holidays and weekends. For imports on public holidays and the weekends, your suppliers should work with the prefectural government to expedite the processing.

Please declare the prefecture origin accordingly in your permit declaration and fax in a copy of the COO for our verification. A sample of the COO is attached for

your easy reference. The submission of COO would be mandatory for all import with effect from 29 Apr 2011.

Please feel free to contact Ms June Choo at 6325 7664 or Mr Li Lu at 6325 7617 if you need further clarifications.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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*( For shipment with only 1 item )*

Declaration for the import **from Japan** into the Republic of Singapore

Invoice Number **No.123** Declaration Number **No.123**

**ABC prefectural government** (competent authority)

DECLARES that the **food** (products) of this consignment composed of: **Peach/ 10kg/box 50boxes**  
..... (description of consignment, product, number and type of packages, gross or net weight)

embarked at **Kansai airport** (embarkation place)

on **1<sup>st</sup> July** (date of embarkation)

by **SIA -111** (identification of transporter)

going to Singapore (place and country of destination)

- has been harvested and/or processed before 11 March 2011
- is originating from **the** prefecture of **Okayama**, and is NOT falling into the category of the products in the table below.

Exporter (name, address, country)

**XXX company 00-00 Okayama city, Japan**

Consignee (name, address, country)

**YYY company 00-00 Okayama city, Japan**

**Done at ABC prefectural government on 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Stamp and signature of  
authorised representative of competent authority

**Director general of the Department Agriculture  
ABC prefectural government**

milk originating from the prefecture of Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma
milk products originating from the prefecture of Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma
seafood products originating from the prefecture of Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma
meat originating from the prefecture of Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma
fruits originating from the prefecture of Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi, Gunma, Saitama, Tokyo, Chiba, Kanagawa, Shizuoka and Hyogo.
vegetables originating from the prefecture of Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi, Gunma, Saitama, Tokyo, Chiba, Kanagawa, Shizuoka and Hyogo.

\* Product and country of origin.

**( For shipment with more than 1 item )**

Declaration for the import **from Japan** into the Republic of Singapore

Invoice Number **No.123** Declaration Number **No.123**

**ABC prefectural government** (competent authority)

DECLARES that the **food** of this consignment composed of: (**see Annex**)

..... (description of consignment, product, number and type of packages, gross or net weight)

embarked at **Kansai airport** (embarkation place)

on **1<sup>st</sup> October** (date of embarkation)

by **SIA -111** (identification of transporter)

going to Singapore (place and country of destination)

· has been harvested and/or processed before 11 March 2011

■ is originating from a prefecture of (**see Annex**), and is NOT falling into the category of the products in the table below.

Exporter (name, address, country)

**XXX company 00-00 Okayama city, Japan**

Consignee (name, address, country)

**YYY company 00-00 Okayama city, Japan**

**Done on 29<sup>th</sup> September**

Stamp and signature of  
authorised representative of competent authority

**Director general of the Department Agriculture,  
ABC prefectural government**

milk originating from the prefecture of Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma
milk products originating from the prefecture of Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma
seafood products originating from the prefecture of Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma
meat originating from the prefecture of Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma
fruits originating from the prefecture of Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi ,Gunma, Saitama, Tokyo, Chiba, Kanagawa, Shizuoka and Hyogo.
vegetables originating from F the prefecture of ukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi ,Gunma, Saitama, Tokyo, Chiba, Kanagawa, Shizuoka and Hyogo.

\* Product and country of origin

(ANNEX)

**Carrot -----10kg/box, 20boxes-----Hokkaido**  
**Sweet potatoes-----20kg/box, 30boxes-----Tokushima Prefecture**  
**Yams-----30kg/box, 10boxes -----Aomori Prefecture**  
**Oranges-----20kg/box, 30boxes -----Ehime Prefecture**  
**Japanese radishes-----10kg/box, 20boxes -----Kagoshima Prefecture**

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