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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

HOLD AND TEST OF RICE IMPORTED FROM JAPAN

Please refer to Japan nuclear crisis soon after 11 Mar 2011.

2 Following the recent detection by the Japanese authorities of high levels of radioactive contamination in rice in Japan, AVA is stepping up on the inspection and sampling of rice from Japan.

3 All consignments of rice imported from Japan will be subjected to hold-and-test by AVA with immediate effect until further notice. Sale or distribution is not allowed until approval by AVA.

4 AVA inspectors will be contacting you to collect samples for testing purposes. Please do not distribute the rice until the laboratory test results are made known to you.

5 You may also contact our inspectors at the following number to arrange for inspection too.

Contact person	Contact number
Mr Ahmad Rahman	63258369
Mr Koh Chee Meng	63251210
Mr Mohd Yusoff Abd Latiff	63250787

6 Alternatively, you may email to Mr Ahmad Rahman (email : ahmad_rahman@ava.gov.sg) or Mr Ong Swee Seng (email: ong_swee_seng@ava.gov.sg) to made the arrangement for inspection and sampling of your incoming rice consignments from Japan.

Yours faithfully

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