



Circular

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All Food Importers/Manufacturers

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

Dear Sir/Madam

FOOD (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2012 - TRANS FAT REQUIREMENTS FOR FATS AND OILS

The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) of Singapore has been engaging industry members for the consideration to implement trans fat requirements on fats and oils since 2009. The move to impose trans fat requirements on fats and oils is a joint effort of AVA, the Health Promotion Board (HPB) and National Environment Agency (NEA).

2. Taking into consideration of industry members' feedback, we are pleased to inform you that the draft regulation is posted on AVA website (<http://www.ava.gov.sg/Legislation/ListOfLegislation/>, under "Sale of Food Act"). The tentative gazettal date of the said regulations is 02 May 2012. A list of "Frequently Asked Questions" can also be found in (<http://www.ava.gov.sg/NewsEvents/Circulars/2012/index.htm>, under "Processed Food and Food Appliances" in "New requirements") to assist compliance with the proposed regulations.

3. Under the Sale of Food Act, a 12-month period after the gazettal of the Food (Amendment) Regulations 2012 (i.e. 02 May 2013) is given to deplete stock-in-trade to comply with the new regulations. We seek your cooperation to look into necessary immediate follow-up actions such as product reformulation and labelling of trans fat content for fats and oils.

4. If you require further clarification, you may write to us at AVA_LabelsAndClaims@ava.gov.sg or speak to our officers Ms Neo Mui Lee (Tel: 63258551) and Ms Tan Yi Ling (Tel: 63258556).

Yours faithfully

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