



## CIRCULAR

QID/IERD/Food/2014

19 May 2014

All Food Importers / Declaring Agents

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

Dear Sir/Madam

### **REMINDER - SUBMISSION OF TEST REPORT AND CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION FOR STARCH-BASED FOOD PRODUCTS FROM TAIWAN**

Please refer to our circular dated 10 December 2013 (Annex A).

2 We would like to take this opportunity to remind all food importers on the import requirements of Taiwan food products (starch-based products) to Singapore. With effect from 3 February 2014 (a mutually agreed implementation date between Taiwanese Food and Drug Authority (TFDA) and AVA), every consignment of Taiwan starch-based food products exported to Singapore is to be accompanied with a Test Report and Certificate of Inspection, so as to ensure that these food products are not contaminated with maleic acid. Shipments which do not meet the requirements after the implementation date will not be allowed import into Singapore.

3 The official signatory on the certification is the Director-General of TFDA, Yeh Ming-Kung. For further details on the application for Test Report and Certificate of Inspection, your supplier/exporter may check with the TFDA on the matter.

4 Please submit your permit applications, together with the certificate of inspection and test report, during our operating hours to avoid delay in permit approval. Our operating hours are as follows:

Operating Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8.30am - 6.00pm

Friday: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Lunch Hour: 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Saturday, Sunday and public holidays: Closed

5 Please do not hesitate to contact us at Tel: 6325 7576 or email: [ava\\_import&export\\_foodstuff@ava.gov.sg](mailto:ava_import&export_foodstuff@ava.gov.sg), if you have any other queries.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Sir/Madam

**SUBMISSION OF TEST REPORT AND CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION FOR FOOD PRODUCTS (WITH 6-DIGIT HS HEADINGS) FROM TAIWAN**

Following the detection of maleic acid in certain Taiwan food products (starch-based products) by the Taiwanese authorities, AVA immediately conducted surveillance of all similar food products from Taiwan to ensure that they do not contain maleic acid. These products include beverage powder, dessert, noodle products, starch products, pearls and other starch-based products.

2 AVA has been working closely with the Taiwanese Food and Drug Authority (TFDA) to ensure that these food products exported to Singapore are not contaminated with maleic acid. With effect from 03 Feb 2014, every consignment of food products exported to Singapore must be accompanied with a Test Report and Certificate of Inspection. The certificate shall provide details of the shipment, such as manufacturer and batch number and also certifies that the food products have been tested to be free from maleic acid (detection limit: 1ppm). The list of affected products (with 6-digit HS headings) is as below:

<b>Product description</b>	<b>HS Code</b>
Rice flour, starch, groats and meal	11029010 11031920 11081990
Tapioca flour, starch, meal and similar products such as pearls	11062010 11081400 19030000
Taro (yam) flour and products	11062090
Noodles	*190211 19021920 19021930 19021940 *190230

\*HS codes beginning with the first 6 characters.

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