



CIRCULAR

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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

CHANGES IN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS OF FOOD PRODUCTS FROM JAPAN

1 Please refer to AVA's press statement dated 31 May 2014 on easing of restrictions on import of food from Japan.

2 AVA has removed the requirement for pre-export testing certificate for meat and meat products, fruits & vegetables (fresh and processed), milk and milk products and table hen eggs from **Tochigi, Ibaraki** and **Gunma** prefectures. Pre-export testing certificate for meat and meat products, seafood, fruits & vegetables (fresh and processed), milk and milk products and table hen eggs from **Kanagawa, Tokyo, Chiba** and **Saitama** prefectures is also no longer required.

3 The Certificate of Origin (COO) is still required for every consignment imported. For Ibaraki, Tochigi, Gunma and Fukushima prefectures, the COO must be obtained from the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Fishery and Forestry (MAFF). For all other prefectures, the COO may be obtained from MAFF or the Japanese Chambers of Commerce and Industry. The revised format of COO is attached in the Annex.

4 For import of food products from Fukushima prefecture, importers have to notify AVA in advance. Please note that imports from Fukushima may be subject to hold-and-test by AVA.

5 A summary of the new import requirements is shown below:

S/N	Prefecture	Category	Revised import requirements
1	Tochigi Ibaraki Gunma	Seafood and forest products ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of origin from MAFF • Pre-export testing certificate for radioactivity
		Meat and meat products; Fruits & Vegetables (fresh and processed); Milk and milk products; Table hen eggs; Green tea and green tea products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meat and meat products & table hen eggs must be obtained from AVA approved sources • Certificate of origin from MAFF
2	Kanagawa Tokyo Chiba Saitama	Meat and meat products; Seafood; Fruits & Vegetables (fresh and processed); Milk and milk products; Table hen eggs; Green tea and green tea products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meat and meat products & table hen eggs must be obtained from AVA approved sources • Certificate of origin from MAFF or Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry
3	Shizuoka	Green tea and green tea products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of origin from MAFF or Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry
4	Fukushima (Areas close and around the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant ²)	All food products	Currently not approved
5	Fukushima (excluding areas mentioned in (4))	Seafood and forest products ¹	Currently not approved
		Meat and meat products; Fruits & Vegetables (fresh and processed); Milk and milk products; Table hen eggs; Green tea & green tea products	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meat and meat products & table hen eggs must be obtained from AVA approved sources • Certificate of origin from MAFF • Require surveillance certificate³

¹ Forest products refer to products derived from the forest, such as wild berries and all mushrooms (wild grown and bed cultivated).

² Areas include the whole of Minamisoma City, Kawamata Town, Kawauchi Village, Naraha Town, Iitate Village, Namie Town, Katsurao Village, Futaba Town, Okuma Town and Tomioka Town

³ This surveillance certificate refers to a pre-export testing certificate with a validity of 3 months' duration. This certificate is specific for a commodity from a specific area in Fukushima.

6 In order to facilitate import clearance, please declare the prefecture origin accordingly in your permit declaration, and attach a copy of the certificate of origin and pre-export testing certificate (if required) via TradeNet[®] for our verification. Please note that declarations submitted without the required documents will be rejected.

7 Please submit your permit applications 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

8 Please be reminded that all imported food products are to comply with the standards as stipulated in the Sale of Food Act and the Food Regulations, Wholesome Meat and Fish Act and the Control of Plants Act. Imports of these food products may be subjected to hold-and-test by AVA.

9 Please do not hesitate to contact us at Tel: 6325 7576 or email: ava_import&export_foodstuff@ava.gov.sg, if you have any other queries.

Yours faithfully

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Declaration for the import from Japan into the Republic of Singapore

Invoice Number **Declaration Number**

.....(competent authority)

DECLARES that the food of this consignment composed of:

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

embarked at(embarkation place)

on (date of embarkation) by

..... (identification of transporter)

going to(place and country of destination)

originates from the prefecture of....., and does NOT fall into the category of the products in the table shown below.

falls into **category 1** in the table below, originates from _____(area/district) in the prefecture of Fukushima where surveillance for radionuclide caesium-134 and caesium-137 in agriculture and food products has been carried out.

falls into **category 2** in the table below, originates from the prefecture of and has been sampled on (date), subjected to laboratory analysis on (date) in the(name) of laboratory), to determine the level of the radionuclide, caesium-134 and caesium-137. The analytical report is attached

Exporter (name, address, country)

Consignee (name, address, country)

Done at on

Stamp and signature of
authorised representative of competent authority

(Revised on 27 June 2014)

Category	
1	milk, milk products, fruits, vegetables, meat, eggs, green tea products from the prefecture of Fukushima, except seafood and forest products
2	seafood and forest products originating from the prefecture of Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma