



Our Ref: AV (HS) 2402

21 January 2010

All Licensed Importers of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Dear Sir/Madam,

CHANGE IN THE INSPECTION PROGRAMMES FOR PARSLEY AND CHINESE CELERY FROM MALAYSIA

In a review of the vegetable inspection results, it was found that the performance of parsley and Chinese celery from Malaysia inspected under the Enforcement Surveillance Programme (ESP) were inconsistent and unsatisfactory.

2. Please be informed that with effect from **1 February 2010**, AVA will elevate parsley and Chinese celery from Malaysia for inspection under the **Enhanced Enforcement Programme (EEP)**, whereby the consignments will be detained after inspection pending the laboratory results. Consignments that fail the pesticide residue tests will be destroyed and composition sums would be imposed on the importers concerned.

3. You are advised to monitor your imports and obtain your supplies from reliable sources.

Yours sincerely,

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for Director-General
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