



Our Ref: AV (HS) 2402

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All Licensed Importers of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Dear Sir/Madam,

CHANGE IN THE INSPECTION PROGRAMMES FOR LEEK FROM MALAYSIA

In a review of the vegetable inspection results, it was found that the performance of leek from Malaysia inspected under the Monitoring Surveillance Programme (MSP) were inconsistent and unsatisfactory.

2. Please be informed that with effect from **1 October 2010**, AVA will elevate leek from Malaysia for inspection under the **Enforcement Surveillance Programme (ESP)**, whereby the consignments will be detained after inspection pending the laboratory results. Consignments that fail the pesticide residue tests will be destroyed.
3. You are advised to monitor your imports and obtain your supplies from reliable sources. If the pesticide residue situation of leek does not show improvement under the ESP, AVA may consider to elevate the inspection program to a more stringent level.

Yours sincerely

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