



CIRCULAR

QID/IERD/Processed Food

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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

IMPORT OF CONTAINERS FOR FOOD AND FOOD UTENSILS

Recently, AVA has discovered many cases of import of food containers and food utensils either without import permit declaration or using wrong HS codes. Containers for food, including but not limited to, bowls, cups, plates, pans, pots and water bottles, and utensils, including but not limited to, chopsticks, forks, and spoons that are imported for sale in Singapore are required to comply with Regulation 37 of the Food Regulations. This is to ensure that the food containers and the food utensils do not impart/leach toxic substances to any food stored, prepared or cooked in it. The import of these products is therefore controlled by AVA. The Food Regulations is available at:

<http://www.ava.gov.sg/FoodSector/ImportExportTransOfFood/ProcessedFood/>.

2 We would like to remind all importers and declaring agents of containers for food and food utensils to declare an import permit (cargo clearance permit) using the correct AVA controlled HS & product codes. A list of the HS and product codes for containers for food and food utensils is attached in Annex 1. This list, together with the full list of AVA controlled HS and product codes for food products, can be downloaded from the AVA website: <http://www.ava.gov.sg/Resources/PrdCodesForTradeNet/index.htm>.

3 Only AVA registered importers are allowed to apply for import permits. Importers who have not registered with AVA can apply for an AVA registration number online at: <https://licences.business.gov.sg/SHINE/sop/WebPageHandler?p=OASIS&pn=SelectLicences&LicenceID=1420> before importing any processed food and/or food containers and food utensils.

4 If you need any clarification, please contact AVA TradeNet Officers at Tel: 6325 0783 / 6325 0784 / 62215056.

Yours faithfully

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ANNEX 1 – AVA Controlled HS and Product Codes for Food Containers and Food Utensils

HS code	Product code	Product Description	Unit
14049090	ZZAØGØCØØØØØ	FOODWARE, OF VEGETABLE MATERIAL (E.G ARECA)	TNE
39231000	ZZAØEØEØØØØØ	FOODWARE, OF STYROFOAM	KGM
39233090	ZZAØEØFØØØØØ	FOODWARE SUCH AS CARBOYS, BOTTLES AND FLASKS	KGM
39241000	ZZAØEØBØØØØØ	FOODWARE, OF PLASTIC (INCLUDING PLASTIC FOOD CONTAINERS)	KGM
39241000	ZZAØEØAØØØØØ	BOTTLES, PLASTIC FOR INFANT FEEDING	KGM
39269090	ZZAØEØDØØØØØ	STRAWES, DRINKING, PLASTIC	KGM
40149010	ZZAØFØAØØØØØ	TEATS FOR FEEDING BOTTLES & SIMILAR KIND	KGM
44190000	ZZAØGØAØØØØØ	FOODWARE, OF WOOD (E.G. CHOPSTICKS)	KGM
48236100	ZZAØGØBØØØØØ	FOODWARE, OF BAMBOO (E.G. TRAYS, DISHES, PLATES, CUPS & THE LIKE)	KGM
48236900	ZZAØHØAØØØØØ	FOODWARE, OF PAPER OR PAPERBOARD (E.G. TRAYS, DISHES, PLATES, CUPS & THE LIKE)	KGM
69111000	ZZAØAØØØØØØØ	FOODWARE OF PORCELAIN OR CHINA, INTENDED FOR BOTH FOOD USE & DECORATIVE USE, EXCLUDING ORNAMENTAL ARTICLES	KGM
69120000	ZZAØBØØØØØØØ	FOODWARE, CERAMIC, OTHER THAN OF PORCELAIN OR CHINA	KGM
70109010	ZZBØCØDØØØØØ	FOODWARE, CARBOYS AND DEMIJOHNS, OF GLASS, USED FOR THE CONVEYANCE OR PACKING OF FOOD (wef 8 December 2010)	KGM
70109090	ZZBØCØEØØØØØ	FOODWARE, OTHER THAN CARBOYS AND DEMIJOHNS, OF GLASS, USED FOR THE CONVEYANCE OR PACKING OF FOOD (wef 8 December 2010)	KGM
70133300	ZZBØBØØØØØØØ	OTHER DRINKING GLASSES, OF LEAD CRYSTAL, OTHER THAN OF GLASS-CERAMICS,	KGM
70133700	ZZBØDØØØØØØØ	OTHER DRINKING GLASSES, OTHER THAN OF LEAD CRYSTAL AND GLASS-CERAMIC	KGM
70132200	ZZBØAØØØØØØØ	STEMWARE DRINKING GLASSES, OF LEAD CRYSTAL, OTHER THAN OF GLASS-CERAMICS	KGM
70132800	ZZBØCØØØØØØØ	STEMWARE DRINKING GLASSES, OTHER THAN OF LEAD CRYSTAL AND GLASS-CERAMIC	KGM
70134100	ZZCØAØØØØØØØ	GLASSWARE OF A KIND USED FOR TABLE (OTHER THAN DRINKING GLASSES) OR KITCHEN PURPOSES, OTHER THAN OF GLASS-CERAMICS, OF LEAD CRYSTAL	KGM
70134900	ZZBØCØCØØØØØ	GLASSWARE OF A KIND USED FOR TABLE (OTHER THAN DRINKING GLASSES) OR KITCHEN PURPOSES, OTHER THAN OF GLASS-CERAMICS AND OF HS CODES 70134100 & 70134200 (wef 8 December 2010)	KGM
73239110	ZZCØJØAØØØØØ	FOODWARE, OF CAST IRON, NOT ENAMELLED	KGM
73239200	ZZCØJØBØØØØØ	FOODWARE, OF CAST IRON, ENAMELLED	KGM
73239310	ZZCØJØCØØØØØ	FOODWARE, OF STAINLESS STEEL	KGM
73239400	ZZCØJØEØØØØØ	FOODWARE, OF IRON OR STEEL, ENAMELLED	KGM
73239910	ZZCØJØDØØØØØ	FOODWARE, OTHERS, OF IRON AND/OR STEEL	KGM
74181900	ZZCØKØAØØØØØ	TABLE, KITCHEN OR OTHER HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES AND PARTS THEREOF, OF COPPER	KGM
76151900	ZZCØLØAØØØØØ	FOODWARE, OF ALUMINIUM (E.G. ALUMINIUM POTS)	KGM
82083000	ZZDØAØØØØØØØ	KNIVES AND CUTTING BLADES FOR KITCHEN APPLIANCES	KGM
82083000	ZZDØBØØØØØØØ	KNIVES AND CUTTING BLADES FOR MACHINES USED BY THE FOOD INDUSTRY	KGM
82119100	ZZDØCØØØØØØØ	KNIVES, TABLE, HAVING FIXED BLADES	KGM
82149000	ZZMØAØØØØØØØ	CUTLERY ARTICLES, OTHERS (E.G. BUTCHERS' OR KITCHEN CLEAVERS)	KGM
82151000	ZZMØBØØØØØØØ	SPOONS, FORKS, LADLES, SKIMMER, FISH-KNIVES, BUTTER-KNIVES, SUGAR TONGS & THE LIKE, CONTAINING AT LEAST ONE ARTICLE PLATED WITH PRECIOUS METAL, ASSORTED, IN SETS	KGM
82152000	ZZMØCØØØØØØØ	SPOONS, FORKS, LADLES, SKIMMER, FISH-KNIVES, BUTTER-KNIVES, SUGAR TONGS & THE LIKE, NOT PLATED WITH PRECIOUS METAL, NOT IN SETS	KGM
82159100	ZZMØDØØØØØØØ	SPOONS, FORKS, LADLES, SKIMMER, FISH-KNIVES, BUTTER-KNIVES, SUGAR TONGS & THE LIKE, PLATED WITH PRECIOUS METAL,	KGM
82159900	ZZMØEØØØØØØØ	SPOONS, FORKS, LADLES, SKIMMER, FISH-KNIVES, BUTTER-KNIVES, SUGAR TONGS & THE LIKE, PLATED WITH PRECIOUS METAL, NOT SETS	KGM
96170010	ZZAØVØAØØØØØ	FOODWARE, VACUUM FLASK (wef 8 December 2010)	KGM