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## CIRCULAR

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All Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Importers/ Declaring Agents

[All declaring agents are requested to inform the importers on the contents of the circular.]

Dear Sir/Madam

## ESCHERICHIA COLI (E. COLI) CONTAMINATION IN FRESH CUCUMBERS FROM SPAIN

In view of the recent situation of Spanish cucumbers linked to the E. coli contamination and infection cases in Germany, and which is also reported in several countries in the European Union (EU), AVA would place imported leafy vegetables, cucumbers and tomatoes from the EU countries under hold-&-test with immediate effect. This means that the items will be released for sale only after they are found to be free of any contaminants.

Please contact Lily Ling at 63257620 or Teo Yen Ling at 63257599 if you need further clarification.

Thank you.

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