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To all food importers

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

Dear Sirs

A) SUSPENSION OF "POSSMEI" FRUIT CONCENTRATES AND "TACHUNGO" FRUIT CONCENTRATES FROM TAIWAN

B) HOLD AND TEST OF CERTAIN FOOD PRODUCTS IMPORTED FROM TAIWAN

Please refer to our circular dated 3 June 2011.

- 2 In view of the detection of DEHP contamination by AVA in "Tachungo" brand of mango syrup, and detection of DEHP contamination by Taiwan's Department of Health in "Possmei" brand of fruit juice concentrates, AVA has extended the suspension of the import of fruit concentrates from Taiwan to include the "Possmei" brand of fruit concentrates and "Tachungo" brand of fruit concentrates, and instructed the importers of the products to remove these products from the market and withhold them from sale immediately.
- 3 The above is in addition to AVA's earlier suspension of import of "Sunlight" brand of beverages and "Jin Guo Wan" brand of fruit concentrates on 30 May 2011 and 2 June 2011 respectively, following the detection of DEHP contamination by AVA in "Sunlight" (太阳为计) brand of Star Fruit Juice and "Jin Guo Wan" brand of Peach Concentrate.
- 4 AVA is also stepping up on the sampling of certain food products from Taiwan. All consignments of fruit juices, energy drinks, tea beverages, jam and jelly will be subjected to hold-and-test with immediate effect until further notice. Sale or distribution is not allowed until approval by AVA. In view of the hold-and-test, all import declarations for these products will be routed for online approval. Other products may still be sampled for testing by AVA.
- 5 AVA inspectors will be contacting you to collect samples for testing purpose. You may also contact our inspectors at the following numbers to arrange for inspection or if you require further clarification. Thank you.

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Yours faithfully

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