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To all food importers and declaring agents

Dear Sirs

NEW REQUIREMENT - DECLARATION OF ESTABLISHMENT/PREFECTURAL CODES FOR PERMITS INVOLVING SEAFOOD, FRUITS & VEGETABLES AND PROCESSED FOOD

The Agri-food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) has so far required importers of meat products and cut sugarcane to declare establishment codes in their permit declarations, where the declaration of establishment codes facilitates AVA's food safety programme of securing food safety at source. As such, we wish to inform you that we would be extending the requirement of the declaration of establishment/prefectural codes to other food products, such as seafood, fruits & vegetables and processed food, as part of our programme of securing food safety at source.

2 The establishment/prefectural codes are to be filled in the field name, "CA/SC Code1". If the establishment/prefectural codes are not filled in the designated field, or invalid establishment/prefectural codes are filled, the permit declaration will be rejected. The list of valid establishment/prefectural codes will soon be uploaded at the AVA website for your reference. For the import of food products which originates from Japan, the prefectural codes are to be filled in "CA/SC Code1" field, and for the import of food products from other countries other than Japan, the establishment codes are to be filled in "CA/SC Code1" field.

Examples:

- i. Soy sauce from Hokkaido in Japan, "CA/SC Code1=JPHKD"
- ii. Soy sauce from Malaysia, "CA/SC Code1=MY99999"

Please note that the establishment codes for the meat products, and for cut sugarcane from Malaysia, remain unchanged.

3 The implementation of the declaration of establishment/prefectural codes is tentatively set on 12 September 2011. AVA would inform all importers and declaring agents if there is any change to the implementation of this new requirement.

4 We would be arranging for briefing sessions on 12 August 2011, Friday, at MND auditorium, 7 Maxwell Road, MND Complex, Annex A, Singapore 069111, to inform all importers and declaration agents on this new requirement. For those who wish to attend the briefing session (maximum 2 persons per company), we would appreciate it if you could indicate in the 'Reply Form' and fax to Mrs Koh-Ho She Luan at Fax No: 6227 6403, or email to the following address: Koh-Ho_She_Luan@ava.gov.sg by 5 August 2011, so as to facilitate our logistics purposes.

5 You may contact us at the following numbers if you require further clarification. Thank you.

Contact persons:

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Yours faithfully

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REPLY FORM

(Briefing on declaration of establishment/prefectural codes in permits, please reply by 5 August 2011)

Attention To: Mrs Koh-Ho She Luan

Fax No: 6227 6403

Name of company: _____

Contact person: _____

Contact number: _____

Number of persons attending: _____

Please indicate your preferred time slot below for 12 August 2011 briefing:

9 am to 9.30 am

10.30 am to 11 am

2.30 pm to 3 pm

4 pm to 4.30 pm