



CIRCULAR

7 September 2011

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

INSPECTION OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

In consultation with representative members of the industry stakeholders, AVA conducted a review on the inspection procedures for fresh fruits and vegetables. Two proposed enhancements were adopted and have been implemented in August 2011.

1. To transport targeted fresh fruits and vegetables instead of whole shipment under the cargo clearance permit (CCP) for inspection at Pasir Panjang Wholesale Centre (PPWC)
For importers who are located elsewhere than PPWC, whenever your imported shipment is targeted for AVA's inspection, you may choose to either transport the whole shipment or the targeted fresh fruits and vegetables to PPWC for sampling. If you choose to only transport the targeted fruits and vegetables to PPWC for sampling, you would have to contact AVA inspectors at the PPWC office on the phone numbers stated in the CCP to make inspection arrangements during office hours **at least 1 working day** before the arrival of the imported shipment.
2. Inspection at importer's premises which is located elsewhere than PPWC
To provide flexibility to importer's business workflow, inspection of fresh fruits and vegetables can be conducted at your premises, subject to the urgency of whether it is sampling under hold-&-test procedures. Please note that such inspection arrangement may be scheduled in the late morning or afternoon. Should the appointment is scheduled at the later part of day, it may happen in a case that the laboratory results could only be available on the next working day, especially in the case of fruits and vegetables sampled under the hold-&-test regime.

If you require further clarification, please contact us at the following numbers.

Contact persons:

Lily Ling 63257620
Teo Yen Ling 63257599

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Lily Ling
Executive Manager, Inspection Division
for Director-General, Agri-Food and Veterinary Services

This is a computer generated circular and no signature is required.