



Circular

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To all Food Importers / Manufacturers

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

Dear Sir/Madam

FOOD (AMENDMENT NO. 2) REGULATIONS 2012

The Food (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2012 will come into operation on 3 September 2012.

2 This set of amendments includes the incorporation of 19 new food additives into the Food Regulations, and additional uses for 10 existing food additives. These changes are in line with international practice and are trade facilitating measures.

3 In line with international practice, selenium, which is an essential micronutrient, will be deleted from the list of contaminants. Maximum limits will be legislated for the contaminants aflatoxins, patulin and 3-monochloropropane-1,2-diol (3-MCPD). In addition, the limits for a food packaging monomer, vinyl chloride, are revised to be in line with international limits.

4 The draft Food (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2012 can be downloaded from: <http://www.ava.gov.sg/Legislation/ListOfLegislation/> [Under the sub-heading *Sale of Food Act (Chapter 283)*, click on "DRAFT Food (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2012"]

5 All traders are reminded to ensure that your food products available for sale on or after 3 September 2012 comply with the new requirements. AVA will facilitate traders to comply with the new requirements.

6 For clarification, please write in to AVA_LabelsAndClaims@ava.gov.sg, or dial these numbers to speak to an AVA officer: 6325 1227 or 6325 3092.

Yours faithfully

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