



## CIRCULAR

QID/IERD/Processed Food/2012

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All Food Importers / Declaring Agents

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

Dear Sir/Madam

### **IMPORT OF RAW BIRD'S NEST (DRIED AND CLEAN) TO SINGAPORE FOR SALE**

The import of raw bird's nest (dried and clean) is currently regulated by the Animal Section of AVA, under the Animals and Birds Act. AVA has since reviewed the classification of this product, and we would like to inform you that raw bird's nest (dried and clean) will be classified as a processed food, and the import will be regulated under the Sale of Food Act.

2 The change in classification will take effect from 1 November 2012. Importers of raw bird's nest (dried and clean) are required to register with AVA as a processed food importer, and apply for an import permit for every consignment imported into Singapore for sale. Importers can register online as a processed food importer at the following website, <http://www.ava.gov.sg/Services/LicensesPermitsAndCerts/> (Under "Food Sector", go to No.15).

3 Please note that only the cleaned and dried form of the raw bird's nest is allowed. In addition, importers are to ensure that the raw bird's nest (dried and clean) complies with the standards as stipulated in the Sale of Food Act and the Food Regulations, including its labeling requirements. The Food Regulations are available at <http://www.ava.gov.sg/Legislation/ListOfLegislation/>. Importers are also advised to obtain processed food products from regulated sources, and they are required to maintain such documents for verification by AVA as and when required.

4 The HS code and AVA product code for raw bird's nest (dried and clean) are as follows:

HS code	Product code	Product Description	Quantity
04100010	ZRPØZHØP2ØØ	RAW BIRD'S NEST, DRIED AND CLEAN	KGM

5 Please also note that the establishment/prefectural codes are to be filled in the field name, "CA/SC Code1" during permit declaration. 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 are available at <http://www.ava.gov.sg/Resources/PrdCodesForTradeNet/> (please refer to CA/SC Code1) for your reference.

6 Please contact our TradeNet officers at Tel: 6325 0783, 6325 0784 and 63257552, if you require any clarification.

Thank You.

Yours faithfully

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