

**CIRCULAR**

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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

**CHANGES IN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS OF FOOD PRODUCTS FROM JAPAN**

1 AVA has reviewed the radioactivity situation in Japan and would like to inform you that with the exception of Fukushima prefecture, milk and milk products, meat and meat products, table hen eggs, seafood, fruits and vegetables (fresh and processed) from Tochigi, Ibaraki, Gunma, Kanagawa, Tokyo, Chiba and Saitama prefectures may be imported to Singapore with immediate effect, subject to the following conditions:

- Meat and meat products and table hen eggs must be obtained from AVA approved sources
- Every consignment of milk and milk products, meat and meat products, table hen eggs, seafood, fruits and vegetables (fresh and processed) is to be accompanied by a certificate of origin and pre-testing certificate
- Food products are to comply with the standards as stipulated in the Sale of Food Act and the Food Regulations, Wholesome Meat and Fish Act and the Control of Plants Act
- Imports of the affected food products from the mentioned prefectures may be subject to hold and test by AVA

2 Below is a summary of the new import requirements:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Prefecture</b>	<b>Import Requirement</b>
<i>Meat and meat products</i>	<b>Fukushima</b>	<b>Suspended</b>
<i>Seafood</i>		
<i>Fruits &amp; Vegetables (fresh and processed)</i>	<i>Tochigi</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Meat and meat products &amp; table hen eggs – must be obtained from AVA approved sources</i></li> <li>• <i>Certificate of origin</i></li> <li>• <i>Pre-testing certificate for radioactivity</i></li> </ul>
<i>Milk and milk products</i>	<i>Ibaraki</i>	
<i>Table hen eggs</i>	<i>Gunma</i>	
	<i>Kanagawa</i>	
	<i>Tokyo</i>	
	<i>Chiba</i>	
	<i>Saitama</i>	

3 The Japanese Authority, Ministry of Agriculture, Fishery and Forestry (MAFF) has informed AVA that with immediate effect, MAFF is the authorised competent authority in Japan to endorse on certificates of origin (COO) and pre-testing certificate for the above-mentioned food products exported to Singapore. To ease the transition of COO and pre-testing certificates issuance by MAFF, AVA would continue to accept COO, for exports of affected food products from other Prefectures (excluding Fukushima), issued by the Japanese Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

4 In order to facilitate import clearance, please declare the prefecture origin accordingly in your permit declaration, and attach a copy of the certificate of origin and the pre-testing certificate via TradeNet<sup>®</sup> for our verification. A sample of the certificate of origin issued by MAFF is attached (Annex A) for your easy reference. Please note that declarations submitted without the required documents will be rejected.

5 Please submit your permit applications during our operating hours to avoid delay in permit approval. Our operating hours are as follows:

Operating Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8.30am - 6.00pm

Friday: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Lunch Hour: 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Saturday, Sunday and public holidays: Closed

6 Please do not hesitate to contact us at Tel: 6325 7576 or email: [ava\\_import&export\\_foodstuff@ava.gov.sg](mailto:ava_import&export_foodstuff@ava.gov.sg), if you have any other queries.

Yours faithfully

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Agri-Food & Veterinary Services

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**Declaration for the import from Japan into the Republic of Singapore**

**Invoice Number .....** **Declaration Number .....**

.....(competent authority) DECLARES that the food of this consignment composed of: .....

.....(description of consignment, product, number and type of packages, gross or net weight) embarked at..... (embarkation place) on ..... (date of embarkation) by ..... (identification of transporter) going to .....(place and country of destination)

has been harvested and/or processed before 11 March 2011

**does NOT originate from the prefecture of Fukushima**; is originating from the prefecture of....., and is NOT falling into the category of the products in the table below.

is originating from the prefecture of....., and is falling into the category of the products in the table below, and has been sampled on ..... (date), subjected to laboratory analysis on .....(date) in the .....(name of laboratory), to determine the level of the radionuclides, caesium-134 and caesium-137.

The analytical report is attached.

Exporter (name, address, country)

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Consignee (name, address, country)

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Done at ..... on .....

Stamp and signature of authorised representative of competent authority

milk originating from the prefecture of Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma
milk products originating from the prefecture of Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma
seafood products originating from the prefecture of Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma
meat originating from the prefecture of Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma
eggs originating from the prefecture of Ibaraki
fruits originating from the prefecture of Ibaraki, Tochigi, Gunma, Saitama, Tokyo, Chiba and Kanagawa
vegetables originating from the prefecture of Ibaraki, Tochigi, Gunma, Saitama, Tokyo, Chiba and Kanagawa
green tea and green tea products originating from the prefecture of Shizuoka