



Circular

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To all Food Importers / Manufacturers

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

Dear Sir/Madam

FOOD (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2013

The Food (Amendment) Regulations 2013 will come into operation on 1 August 2013.

2 This set of amendments includes the incorporation of 9 new food additives into the Food Regulations, provision to use polydextrose in infant formula and a clearer definition of usage for an existing food additive (dimethyl dicarbonate). These changes are in line with international practice and are trade facilitating measures.

3 Maximum limits will be legislated for the mycotoxins aflatoxin B1, aflatoxin M1 and patulin in foods for infants and young children, as well as for melamine in infant formulas and other foods. These limits serve to safeguard consumer health, and provide greater transparency to the industry on Singapore's requirements.

4 An editorial amendment is made to the format for the nutrition information panel (as specified under the Twelfth Schedule), to specify that the nutrients can be declared either in micrograms (mcg), milligrams (mg), grams (g) or other units of measurement, as appropriate. This will better address the forms of nutrient declaration currently employed by the industry.

5 The draft Food (Amendment) Regulations 2013 can be downloaded from:
<http://www.ava.gov.sg/Legislation/ListOfLegislation/>
(Click on "DRAFT Food (Amendment) Regulations 2013")

6 With effect from 1 August 2013, all traders may use the new food additives in food products that are imported, manufactured and sold in Singapore, subject to the conditions laid out in the Food Regulations. Traders are also reminded to ensure that your food

products available for sale on or after 1 August 2013 comply with the requirements. AVA will facilitate traders to comply with these requirements.

7 Please contact the following AVA officers should you need clarification on the amendments:

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