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Dear Plant and Plant Products Exporters, Animal Feed Importers and Food Traders

NEW IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORT OF REGULATED ARTICLES, PLANTS AND PLANT PRODUCTS INTO MALAYSIA

The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) was informed by the Malaysian Quarantine and Inspection Services (MAQIS) on 21 November 2013 that there are new import requirements for the following list of items.

1. Plant Product

- Maize
- Soya
- Cocoa
- Tobacco
- Cotton
- Quinoa
- Chia seeds
- Jute

2. Fresh fruits

- Banana
- Citrus

3. Animal feed

- Hay
- Napier (fresh)
- Cocoa shell
- Corn waste
- Paddy waste

2 The importation of any of the above items into Malaysia will require an import permit from the Department of Agriculture (DOA), Malaysia and a Phytosanitary certificate from the country of export or re-export. The new requirements will commence from 1 January 2014.

3 Hence if you intend to export any of the above items to Malaysia from 1 January 2014, please ensure that the importer in Malaysia has obtained an import permit from DOA, Malaysia. AVA will issue the Phytosanitary certificate based on the import conditions stated on the import permit. Please note that Phytosanitary certificate will not be issued if exporters are unable to fulfil the import conditions of Malaysia.

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