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To All Importers of Minimally Processed Coconuts

(All declaring agents are requested to inform your consignees or importers of the contents of this circular)

Dear Sirs

IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR MP (MINIMALLY PROCESSED) COCONUTS FROM MALAYSIA

To enhance the food safety of MP coconuts from Malaysia, the following import requirements will be implemented with effect from 1 May 2014.

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- (i) Importers are required to obtain MP coconuts from processing establishments registered and certified by Malaysia's Ministry of Health (MOH) and produce documentary proof to AVA that the establishment is registered by MOH.
- (ii) Importers are to declare an Establishment Code issued by AVA in the CA/SC Code 1 field in Tradexchange when applying for an import permit.

3 The above requirements will apply only to MP coconuts imported from Malaysia. The current import requirements for imported MP coconuts from other countries will remain.

4 A three month grace period (1 May 2014 – 31 July 2014) will be granted to importers of MP coconuts from Malaysia. During this period, importers obtaining their products from non-MOH certified establishments may continue to import their products subject to the submission of the six-monthly microbiological analysis report. The import of MP coconuts from non-MOH certified establishments will not be allowed after the grace period.

5 You may contact us at Tel: 63258369 or Tel: 63257143, if you need any clarification.

Yours faithfully

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