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Seafood Traders

Dear Sir / Madam

## DETECTION OF PARALYTIC SHELLFISH POISONING (PSP) TOXIN IN LIVE GEODUCK CLAMS FROM CANADA

It is reported that PSP toxin was detected in several consignments of live geoduck clams exported from Canada to Hong Kong, at levels exceeding 80 micrograms per 100 grams.

As PSP toxin may cause severe food poisoning, AVA will impose hold-and-test on all consignments of live geoduck clams imported from Canada to Singapore with immediate effect. To facilitate import clearance, please prepare information on the harvest area and harvest date of the consignments in advance. AVA is currently working with the Canadian authority on this matter and is awaiting the results of their investigation before reviewing the requirements.

Please contact us at 6805 2990 should you have any enquiries on the import of seafood products.

Yours faithfully

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