

Circular

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To all Importers / Declaring Agents for Prepacked Oils and Fats Products
All declaring agents are requested to inform your importers of the contents of this circular.

Dear Sirs/Madams

Implementation of New Trans Fat Requirements for Fats and Oils

Since September 2009, the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) has been engaging industry members through several dialogue sessions to inform them about the implementation of new trans fat requirements on locally sold fats and oils products, and gather their feedback on the implementation of the new requirements. This national initiative to reduce the trans fat intake of Singaporeans is a joint effort of AVA, the Health Promotion Board and the National Environment Agency.

2 Having considered industry members' feedback, AVA has decided that the trans fat requirements will be implemented in two phases. The first phase requires importers and manufacturers of fats and oils products to ensure that their fats and oils products for supply to local eating establishments, catering establishments and bakeries do not contain trans fat exceeding 2g of trans fat per 100g, by 1 June 2010. The second phase requires retail-pack fats and oils products sold to consumers to meet the same trans fat content by 1 December 2010. Retail-packs are also required to carry an acceptable Nutrition Information Panel declaring the trans fat content, by the implementation date.

3 We have enclosed the following additional information for your better understanding of the new trans fat requirements:

Annex 1: Summary of new trans fat requirements

Annex 2: List of local accredited laboratories for trans fat analysis of fats



4 We seek your cooperation to conform to the new trans fat requirements. For further enquiries, please write in to AVALabelsAndClaims@ava.gov.sg or contact any of the AVA officers below:

- Ms Neo Mui Lee at Tel: 6325 8551, Email: neo_mui_lee@ava.gov.sg
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5 A list of frequently asked questions pertaining to these trans fat requirements can be downloaded at the following URL:
<http://www.ava.gov.sg/NewsEvents/Circulars/>

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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Annex 1: Summary of New Trans Fat Requirements

	Implementation Date	Affected Products	New Requirements
Phase 1	1 June 2010	Fats and oils for use at eating/catering establishments and bakeries	Only fats and oils with no more than 2g trans fat per 100g product are allowed Labelling of trans fat content is not required
Phase 2	1 December 2010	Retail-pack fats and oils	Only fats and oils with no more than 2g trans fat per 100g product are allowed Mandatory trans fat labelling as shown in Figure 1

Figure 1

Nutrition Information		
Serving per package:		
Serving size:		
	Per serving	Per 100g
Energy (kcal)		
Protein (g)		
Total fat (g)		
-trans fat (g)		
Carbohydrate (g)		

Annex 2: LIST OF ACCREDITED LABORATORIES

Veterinary Public Health Laboratory

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10 Perahu Road
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