



CIRCULAR

QID/IERD/Processed Food

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All Food Importers / Declaring Agents

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

Dear Sir/Madam

IMPORT REQUIREMENTS OF CIVET COFFEE (KOPI LUWAK) TO SINGAPORE FOR SALE

Civet coffee, or Kopi Luwak, is processed through the digestive tract of the Asian Palm Civet. The civet eats the fleshy pulp of the coffee berries and defecates (leaving the intact coffee beans in the droppings). Workers then gather the droppings, thoroughly wash the coffee beans, sun dry and roast it.

2 AVA has since reviewed and completed the study on the safety of Civet coffee. With immediate effect, importers are required to submit the following to AVA prior to importation:

- (a) Submission of documentary proof (**one time submission**) that the imported products are manufactured in a premises regulated by the competent authority (e.g. certified true copy of the manufacturer's licence);
- (b) Submission of certificate of origin if the coffee is derived from the civet with scientific names, "*Paradoxurus jerdoni*" or "*Paradoxurus hermaphrodites*". Please note that application of a CITES import permit from AVA, and submission of a CITES export permit from the exporting country to AVA is required if the exporting country includes these two species in Appendix III of CITES. Please refer to the following website at <http://www.cites.org/eng/app/appendices.shtml> for more information on the Appendices, and <http://www.ava.gov.sg/AnimalsPetSector/CITESEndangeredSpecies/> for the application of a CITES import permit;
- (c) Submission of documentary proof such as the process flowchart of the coffee to show that the coffee has been fully washed, dried and roasted at a core oven temperature of 200°C for 20 minutes, and 220°C for 10 minutes;
- (d) Submission of test report (**every consignment**).
Laboratory Report Submitted by Importer
Microbiological tests
 - Total colony count

- Fecal coliform
- *E. coli*
- *Staphylococcus aureus*
- *Bacillus cereus*
- *Salmonella*
- *Shigella*
- *E.coli.O157:H7*

Chemical tests

- pesticide residues
- heavy metals

3 The HS codes and AVA product codes for Civet coffee are as follows:

HS code	Product code	Product Description	Quantity
09012110	ZBPØBBLØØØØ	Coffee, Kopi Luwak, roasted, unground	KGM
09012120	ZBPØBBLPMØØ	Coffee, Kopi Luwak, roasted, ground	KGM
09012210	ZBPØBBLPUØØ	Coffee, Kopi Luwak, roasted, decaffeinated, unground	KGM
09012220	ZBPØBBLR3ØØ	Coffee, Kopi Luwak, roasted, decaffeinated, ground	KGM

4 For Civet coffee that has been imported to Singapore prior to the date of this circular, importers are required to obtain the necessary documents as stated in paragraph 2, and submit their products for laboratory analysis to confirm that their products comply with the required standards. The laboratory reports should be submitted to AVA for approval.

5 Please contact our TradeNet officers at Tel: 6325 0783, 6325 0784 or 6221 5056 if you require any clarification.

Yours faithfully

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