



CIRCULAR (REMINDER)

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To: All Traders/ Food Importers / Warehouse Operators

Dear Sir/Madam

REGISTRATION OF FOOD STORAGE WAREHOUSE IN SINGAPORE

Please refer to the AVA circular dated 29 September 2011.

2 The AVA food storage warehouse registration is now open for Category IV products. Warehouse operators may proceed to register for their food storage warehouses with AVA via the following website at <https://licences.business.gov.sg>.

3 We would like to thank all the Category I, Category II and Category III warehouse operators who had already submitted their registrations earlier. Please disregard this letter if you had already registered your warehouse with us. However, if you have missed the earlier registration periods stated below, please register with AVA now.

Category	Example of Products in this category	Registration Period
I (High Risk Products)	Cheese, butter, ice cream and infant/baby food.	November 2011 to January 2012
II (Chilled & Frozen Food)	Juices, pastries, desserts, fruits and vegetables, and soups.	February 2012 to April 2012
III (Food requiring cool storage environment)	Spices, dried goods, chocolates, chocolate confectionery, sauces, cereals, jams, spreads, coffee beans, tea leaves, shelled eggs, egg products and alcoholic beverages.	May 2012 to July 2012
IV (Food usually stored at ambient temperature)	Instant noodles, snacks, nuts, canned food products, rice, edible fats and oils, food ingredients and bakery products.	August 2012 to October 2012

4 Prior to registration, importers/traders/warehouse operators are advised to check if their warehouses belong to any of the scenarios shown in the following table. For those which fall under scenarios (a), (b), (d) and (e), no registration is required.

Scenario	Registration with AVA Required (Yes/ No)
(a) Warehouses that are situated at AVA licensed food processing establishment	No
(b) All existing AVA licensed cold stores storing only frozen meat and seafood that are already licensed under the Wholesome Meat and Fish Act	No
(c) All other cold stores storing other processed food products and do not hold an AVA food processing establishment licence	Yes
(d) Warehouses that are currently under the purview of other government agencies such National Environment Agency and Health Sciences Authority	No
(e) Importers /traders whom engage third party/ service warehouses who had already registered their warehouses with AVA	No
(f) All other food storage warehouses (none of above) including third party/service warehouses	Yes

5 More information on the food storage warehouse registration is available at AVA's website at <http://www.ava.gov.sg>. (Food Traders and Establishment>>Registration of Food Storage Warehouse). Alternatively, you may also contact us at Tel: 6325 7135 or via email at ava_warehouse@ava.gov.sg if you require further assistance.

Yours faithfully

Food Establishment Regulation Department
For Director-General, Agri-Food & Veterinary Services

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