



CIRCULAR

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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

SUBMISSION OF TEST REPORT AND CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION FOR FOOD PRODUCTS (WITH 6-DIGIT HS HEADINGS) FROM TAIWAN

Following the detection of maleic acid in certain Taiwan food products (starch-based products) by the Taiwanese authorities, AVA immediately conducted surveillance of all similar food products from Taiwan to ensure that they do not contain maleic acid. These products include beverage powder, dessert, noodle products, starch products, pearls and other starch-based products.

2 AVA has been working closely with the Taiwanese Food and Drug Authority (TFDA) to ensure that these food products exported to Singapore are not contaminated with maleic acid. With effect from 03 Feb 2014, every consignment of food products exported to Singapore must be accompanied with a Test Report and Certificate of Inspection. The certificate shall provide details of the shipment, such as manufacturer and batch number and also certifies that the food products have been tested to be free from maleic acid (detection limit: 1ppm). The list of affected products (with 6-digit HS headings) is as below:

Product description	HS Code
Rice flour, starch, groats and meal	11029010
	11031920
	11081990
Tapioca flour, starch, meal and similar products such as pearls	11062010
	11081400
	19030000
Taro (yam) flour and products	11062090
Noodles	*190211
	19021920
	19021930
	19021940
	*190230

**HS codes beginning with the first 6 characters.*

Your supplier/exporter may check with the TFDA for details on the application for Test Report and Certificate of Inspection.

3 Please submit your permit applications, together with the certificate of inspection and laboratory report, during our operating hours to avoid delay in permit approval. Our operating hours are as follows:

Operating Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8.30am - 6.00pm

Friday: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Lunch Hour: 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Saturday, Sunday and public holidays: Closed

4 Please do not hesitate to contact us at Tel: 6325 7576 or email: ava_import&export_foodstuff@ava.gov.sg, if you have any other queries.

Yours faithfully

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