



CIRCULAR

QID/IERD/Processed Food

14 March 2011

All Food Importers / Declaring Agents

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

Dear Sir/Madam

FOOD (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2011

The Food (Amendment) Regulations 2011 will come into operation on 15 April 2011. Changes to expect in the amendments can be classified into the following broad categories:

- i. Food additives: new additives and extension of use of existing additives
- ii. Contaminants: revised limits
- iii. Revised requirements for imported food
- iv. Food standards: new and revised
- v. Requirements for labelling of food: new and revised

2 The amendments are made based on generally accepted sound scientific evidence and international practice, such as recommendations by the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The details of the changes can be found on AVA's website: <http://www.ava.gov.sg/NewsEvents/Circulars/2011/index.htm> (under "Processed Food and Food Appliances").

3 All traders are reminded to ensure that your food products available for sale in Singapore on or after 15 April 2011 comply with the new requirements. AVA will facilitate traders to comply with the new requirements.

4 For clarification, please write in to AVA_LabelsAndClaims@ava.gov.sg, or dial these numbers to speak to an AVA officer: 6325 1227, 6325 3092, 6325 8556 or 6325 8551.

Yours faithfully

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