

To : Trade Commissioner



Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore

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CIRCULAR

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To all meat importers and declaring agents
All declaring agents are requested to inform the importers on the contents of the circular.

Dear Sir / Madam

IMPORT OF MEAT AND MEAT PRODUCTS TRANSHIPPED AT THIRD COUNTRIES

Currently, import of meat and meat products must be shipped directly from the country of origin to Singapore. Countries that do not have direct shipping lines to Singapore may apply through AVA if they wish to transit containers carrying meat and meat products at third countries before coming to Singapore.

In order to facilitate trade, AVA has reviewed this requirement and we are pleased to inform that we will be doing away with the direct shipment requirement for consignments in containers with seals that remain intact and require only transfer to a connecting vessel at the port of transit. The container seal number would need to be recorded on the health certificate that accompanies the import of the consignment. Consignments that require a change in container would be assessed on a case-by-case basis and importers are required to alert AVA for such situations.

The official implementation date is 1 Dec 2011. AVA reserves the right to reject the consignment if there is lack of supporting information that the consignment has been properly handled while in transit.

Please feel free to contact Mr Lai Fah Choong at 6325 7624 or Mr Li Lu at 6325 7617 if you need further clarifications.

Yours faithfully

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