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**CIRCULAR**

All Food Traders/ Importers/ Declaring Agents

***All declaring agents are requested to inform your importers of the contents of this circular.***

Dear Sirs

**IMPORT OF MINIMALLY PROCESSED CUT/ PEELED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

Please be informed that with effect from 01 June 2004, the import control of **MINIMALLY PROCESSED CUT/ PEELED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES** will come under the purview of the Food Control Division (FCD) of the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA).

2 From 01 June 2004, importers will have to declare the **new product codes** issued by FCD when applying to import the products. The **new product codes** are available at AVA website: [www.ava.gov.sg](http://www.ava.gov.sg). Importers are also advised to declare the **place of unloading** in the Remarks field during permit application. Application for import permits will be processed online during office hours (Mon–Fri: 8.30am to 5.30pm, Sat: 8.30am to 1.00pm) only. Therefore, importers are advised to apply early.

3 All importers are required to submit a valid **Microbiological & Pesticide Residues** Test Reports (see Annex 1 attached) for every consignment imported with effect from 01 June 2004. Please fax the Test Reports to our TradeNet Officer at fax: (65) 62215091 for verification. Please also indicate your Unique Reference Number (URN) on the copy during your submission. The submission of these reports will be reviewed periodically on a case-by-case basis.

4 Importers are also required to obtain their products from **Regulated Sources** of the country of origin with effect from 01 June 2004. You are also required to obtain Certified true copy of documents or any other certification from the food safety authority of the country of origin certifying that the food product is produced or manufactured by a licensed or regulated premises.

5 For enquiry, please contact our TradeNet Duty Officer at Tel: (65) 6325 0783 / (65) 6221 5056.

Yours faithfully

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## Annex 1

**Laboratory Test Parameters For Cut / Peeled Fruits & Vegetables Imports  
For Monthly Submission By Importers Wef 1 Jun 2004**

<b>S/No</b>	<b>Test Parameters</b>	<b>Products Ready-to-eat eg salads, cut fruits etc</b>	<b>Products Need Further Processing Before Consumption</b>
	<b>Microbiological</b>		
1	Total colony count	not more than 100,000 cfu per gram	-
2	Faecal coliforms	not more than 3 MPN per gram	-
3	E. coli	not more than 3 MPN per gram	-
	Pesticide residues	<b>* Products Ready-to-eat eg salads, cut fruits etc, and * Products Need Further Processing Before Consumption</b>	
1	Dithiocarbamates	If pesticide residues belonging to any of the 5 groups of pesticides are detected, please refer to the maximum residue limit (MRL) for the respective pesticide residues listed in the Tenth schedule of the Food Regulations	
2	Organophosphate		
3	Organochlorine		
4	Pyrethroid		
5	N-methylcarbanates		