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**LISTING OF A SEA CUCUMBER SPECIES (*Isostichopus fuscus*, also known as *Stichopus fuscus*) UNDER CITES APPENDIX III, BY ECUADOR**

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an international agreement to ensure that trade does not threaten wild animal and plant species with extinction. CITES parties regulate CITES-listed species through issuance of permits granted by government bodies for their import and export.

2 Singapore is a CITES member country and AVA is the authority responsible for the implementation of CITES. Through Notification, no: 2003/053 (copy attached), we have been informed that Ecuador would like now to include a sea cucumber species, *Isostichopus fuscus* (also known as *Stichopus fuscus*), in Appendix III<sup>1</sup>. The listing will enter into effect on 16 October 2003.

3 By listing in Appendix III, any import of *Isostichopus fuscus* from Ecuador would require CITES permits from Ecuador and AVA. If it is imported from any country other than Ecuador, a Certificate of Origin issued by the CITES authority of the exporting country must accompany the shipment. To re-export *Isostichopus fuscus* from Singapore, a CITES Re-export Certificate would be required.

4 Please remember to complete the enclosed Declaration Form if you have existing stocks of *Isostichopus fuscus*, and return the forms to AVA by 1 October 2003. This is to facilitate the issuance of Re-export Certificates for your re-export to other countries.

5 We wish to inform you that with effect from 16 October 2003, the following new product codes have been created for *Isostichopus fuscus* :

<u>HS Code</u>	<u>Product Code</u>	<u>Product Description</u>
03079110	FML3UR	Sea Cucumber Rock, Live
03079120	FMC3UR	Sea Cucumber Rock, Chilled
03079910	FMF3UR	Sea Cucumber Rock, Frozen
16059090	FMN3UR	Sea Cucumber Rock, Canned
03079920	FMP3URDS	Sea Cucumber Rock, Dried, Salted

You are required to use these product codes when declaring for *Isostichopus fuscus*, also commonly known as Rock Sea Cucumber.

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<sup>1</sup> Appendix III – Species in Appendix III are listed by individual countries that wish to protect them and for which the cooperation of other CITES Parties is required to regulate the trade in the listed species.

6 If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Ms.Yvonne Low May Ling at Tel: 63257626 or Mr Lee Woei Sing at 63257102.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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