



CIRCULAR

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20 March 2006

All traders/ freight forwarders/cargo agents/carriers

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

Dear Sirs

IMPORT OF LAND SNAILS (ESCARGOTS) FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

We wish to inform you that with effect from 2 May 2006, the importers of land snails (escargots) for human consumption are required to proof that they are obtaining their products from **Regulated Sources** by submitting certified-true-copy documents 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.

- 2 Some examples of documents that are acceptable include
- Business licence or registration of the premises or
 - Health Certificate or
 - Certificate of HACCP or equivalent quality assurance system or
 - Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practices or

3 We will require a **one-time submission** of the regulated source documents for each foreign premises, unless there are changes to your sources of supply. Please fill in the attached form and fax the completed form together with a copy of the document(s) to AVA at Fax: 62215091. You should retain the original copy with you for AVA's inspection as and when necessary. This is part of AVA's efforts to enhance the safety of imported food at source. AVA will be gradually extending this requirement to other imported processed food products.

4 Application for import permit for snails will be processed online during office hours (Mon-Thurs 8.00am to 5.30 pm, Fri 8.00 am to 5.00 pm) only. Therefore, importers are advised to apply early.

5 Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. For any enquiry, please contact Mr Mohd Kassim Baren at Tel: 6325 1221 or our TradeNet Duty Officer at Tel: 6325 0783 / 6221 5056.

Yours faithfully

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