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**CIRCULAR**

To All importers// Declaring agents

Dear Sirs/Madams

**NEW REQUIREMENT FOR IMPORT OF PASTEURIZED LIQUID MILK**

This is to inform you that with effect from **18 Aug 2008**, AVA will require importers of pasteurized liquid milk from **foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) free countries** to submit the health certificate (or certified true copy) issued by the competent authority of the country of origin stating that the product has been pasteurized by heating at a minimum 72 °C for a minimum 15 seconds or an equivalent process when applying for import permits. Importers will be given a grace period of three months to comply with the requirement.

2 For import of pasteurized milk from **FMD affected countries**, submission of double pasteurized health certificate remains in force. Importers are reminded to submit double pasteurization health certificate (or certified true copy) indicating that the product has undergone double HTST (high temperature short time) i.e. two times at 72 °C for 15 seconds when applying for import permits.

3 A list of FMD free countries can be found at the website:  
[http://www.oie.int/eng/info/en\\_fmd.htm](http://www.oie.int/eng/info/en_fmd.htm)

4 Importers are advised to fax a copy of the health certificate to AVA's FCD at Fax: 62215091/ 62212194 when applying for import permits.

5 Importers are also reminded that the import of unpasteurized liquid milk is not allowed.

6 You may contact Ms Jessye Ong at Tel: 6325 1221 or our TradeNet Duty Officer at Tel: 6325 0783 / 62215056, if you need any clarification.

Yours faithfully

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