



MEDIA UPDATE ON VEGETABLE SUPPLY SITUATION IN SINGAPORE

Supply of Vegetables

1 Vegetable supply from Malaysia continues to be above the normal levels of import. From 3 pm yesterday to 3 pm today, 547 tonnes of fresh vegetables were imported from Malaysia. This is 112% of the normal levels of imports from Malaysia. It follows the approval of another 34 suppliers of Malaysian vegetables to Singapore, bringing the total number of suppliers to 144.

2 In addition to the supermarkets, more vegetable stalls in wet markets are selling vegetables. This morning, AVA surveyed 22 wet markets. More than 70% of vegetable stalls in these markets were selling a wide variety of vegetables.

3 There was active trading of vegetables at the secondary distribution sites at Toa Payoh and Eunos. Last night, 16 stalls were operating at Toa Payoh, and 8 stalls were operating at Eunos.

4 The operators of the stalls were required to undergo temperature checks and undertake declarations that they had not been to Pasir Panjang Wholesale Centre between 5 to 19 April 2003.

5 AVA would like to reiterate that the supply of vegetables available in Singapore is more than adequate, and there is no need for panic-buying of vegetables.

Situation at the Causeway

6 AVA cleared 203 vehicles at the checkpoints bringing in 547 tonnes of vegetables and 462 tonnes of fruits. Four vehicles were turned back. Two had been to Pasir Panjang Wholesale Centre (PPWC); one failed the temperature check while the other was from a supplier not on AVA's approved list.

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