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The Fish Shop Licensee

Dear Sir / Madam

**SALE OF ANIMALS IN PET SHOPS LICENSED TO DISPLAY AND SELL ORNAMENTAL FISHES**

We are writing to remind you that only animals approved by the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) can be displayed and sold in pet shops. The kinds of animals each shop is allowed to display and sell are listed on the Pet Shop Licence. **As a rule of thumb, Pet shops licensed to sell ornamental fishes can display and sell only animals that fall under the following categories:**

- a) **Ornamental fishes;**
- b) **Small marine animals (non-poisonous) such as corals, sponges etc.;**
- c) **Centipedes (as fish food);**
- d) **Baby frogs (as fish food);**
- e) **Green terrapins (only the Red-eared slider is approved);**
- f) **Asian arowanas (Dragon fish);**
- g) **Hard corals and Giant clams.**

All the abovementioned animals must be legally acquired. They can be either locally bred or imported with AVA permits. For CITES-listed species, they must be accompanied by copies of the CITES permits as proof of their legal acquisition / origin. Asian arowanas can be sold only if the shop has a Letter of Approval for Display and Sale of Dragon Fish from AVA's Aquaculture Service Centre (tel. 67519851).

AVA will not hesitate to take enforcement action against anyone found displaying or selling any unapproved animals under the Animals and Birds (Pet Shop and Exhibition) Rules 2004, the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act or the Wild Animals and Birds Act. The animals will also be confiscated.

Attached, please find **Circular No. 1 of 2005**. **You are required to display this Circular prominently in your shop for your customers' information.**

**Please ensure that all your shop attendants know and comply with the contents of this letter.** If you have any queries, please call 64717198 or 63257348. You can also email to [ava\\_cawc@ava.gov.sg](mailto:ava_cawc@ava.gov.sg).

Yours faithfully,

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To: All Pet Shop Customers

Dear Customer

## **PURCHASE OF PETS AND OTHER ANIMALS**

Pet shop operators are required to obtain animals only from legal sources. The animals can be locally bred or imported with the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA)'s permits.

When buying an animal, you are advised to ascertain the source of the animal. You should also ask for the sales receipt and retain it.

If you have bought a CITES-listed animal, please ensure that the pet shop operator provides you with a copy of the CITES permit for that animal. You should retain this permit for so long as you own the animal. Should there be a change in ownership, the permit should be handed to the new owner.

If you need any clarification on the above matters, please call AVA at tel. no. 63257348 or 64717198.

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