



Our Ref: AV (HS) 2402

21 April 2008

All Licensed Importers of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Dear Sir/Madam,

**CHANGE OF INSPECTION PROGRAMMES FOR
1) CHINESE CELERY AND KALE FROM MALAYSIA
2) SPINACH FROM CHINA**

In a review of the vegetable inspection results, it was found that the performance of Chinese celery and kale from Malaysia inspected under the Enhanced Enforcement Programme (EEP), and spinach from China inspected under the Enforcement Surveillance Programme (ESP) were consistent and satisfactory.

2. I am pleased to inform you that with effect from **2 May 2008**, these three vegetables will be inspected under the Monitoring Surveillance Programme (MSP) whereby the consignment will be released for sale and distribution after inspection.

3. AVA will continue to monitor the performance of these vegetables closely, and will revert them to hold-and-test inspection if their inspection results are unsatisfactory under MSP. You are therefore advised to monitor your imports and obtain your supplies of these vegetables from reliable sources.

Yours faithfully,

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for Director-General
Agri-Food & Veterinary Services