



AV(HS) 1617

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Fish Importers/Declaring Agents/Retailers

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

Dear Sir/Madam

GLAZING OF FISH FILLETS

1. Further to our circulars of 16 April 2007 and 27 April 2007, AVA would clarify the requirements for sutchi fillets. We will require declaration of the actual weight of the fish fillets (minus the weight of water loss from thawing of the glaze) on the label. In addition, AVA has agreed to allow the functional use of phosphates in the processing of the frozen fillets, i.e. up to the **maximum level of 10g/kg**. The use must be in accordance to the Codex Standard For Quick Frozen Blocks Of Fish Fillet, Minced Fish Flesh And Mixtures Of Fillets And Minced Fish Flesh (CODEX STAN 165-1989, Rev. 1 - 1995).
2. The label on the product must indicate clearly the following:
 - the gross weight of the fish
 - the net weight of the fish (which means weight of fish minus the weight of water loss from thawing of the glaze).
 - the ingredients in the product, which includes phosphate
 - product description
 - country of origin
3. AVA is also setting the maximum level of glazing in the product. **The maximum level of glazing is set at 20%.**
4. AVA would require full compliance of the above requirements within **one month** from the date of issue of this circular, i.e. **by 21 July 2007**. Failure to comply will result in rejection of imported consignments or recall from retail. For further enquiries, please contact Mr Lee Woei Sing at 6325 7102 or the undersigned at 6325 7879.

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