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All AVA Farm Licensees For The Cultivation of Plants

Dear Sir/Madam

INSPECTION OF HORTICULTURAL FARMS

All growers licensed by AVA to carry out the commercial cultivation of plants on farms are required to comply with the requirements specified under the Control of Plants Act. Some of the major requirements are as follows:

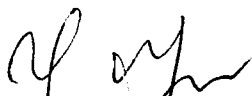
- (a) the application of pesticides on farm is handled or supervised by an AVA certified pesticide operator, and a proper pesticide usage record shall be maintained for AVA checks;
- (b) only pesticides registered with the Director-General under the Control of Plants (Registration of Pesticides) Rules shall be stored or used in the farm;
- (c) a pesticide shall be kept in its original container and with its original label intact, under lock and key and out of reach of children;
- (d) any fresh fruit or vegetable produced on the farm for sale or supply must not contain any residue of any unregistered pesticide or any residue of any permitted pesticide exceeding the permitted level as specified in the Ninth Schedule to the Food Regulations or the FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission in respect of that pesticide.

All farms carrying out the commercial cultivation of plants are subject to AVA's inspection to ascertain compliance with these requirements. Please be informed that AVA officers will conduct periodic inspection checks on the farms, and that samples of the crop may be taken for laboratory analyses during the inspection visit. Enforcement actions may be taken by AVA against those who are found not complying with the requirements under the Control of Plants Act.

For clarification, please contact:

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