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Fish Traders

Dear Sir/Mdm

HEALTH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORT OF OYSTERS FROM CHILE

We wish to inform you that the AVA has imposed pre-export testing for norovirus on import of all oysters (whole-shell, half-shelled and frozen oyster meat) from Chile with immediate effect. Every consignment of frozen oyster imported from Chile is to be accompanied with a health certificate certifying that the product had been tested free from norovirus.

This is in addition to the current requirements of a health certificate to state that:

- a. the oysters were harvested from approved waters and processed in an approved establishment/plant in a sanitary and hygienic manner;
- b. the oysters have not been treated with chemical preservatives and additives injurious to health; and
- c. the product is fit for human consumption

Import of all fish and fish products from Chile is to be accompanied with health certificate certifying that the products are free from red tide biotoxins too.

Please contact Mr Lee Woei Sing or the undersigned at 6325 7102 / 6325 7313 should you have any enquiries.

Yours faithfully

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for Director-General
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