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**CIRCULAR**

All Food Ware Importers  
All Decorative/Ornamental Ware Importers

Dear Sirs/Madams

**IMPORT OF DECORATIVE OR ORNAMENTAL WARES NOT FOR FOOD USE**

Decorative or ornamental wares made of ceramic or porcelain may have glazed decorative designs on the interior surfaces of the wares. Elements such as cadmium and lead may leach from the surfaces if the glazes are not properly formulated and are fired at incorrect temperature to seal the glaze. Such wares may pose food safety risks if they are used as food wares.

2 Importers of such decorative or ornamental wares, which are not meant as containers for food, are required to include warning labels/notes with the products. The warning labels/notes should carry the following statement or other statements of similar meaning:

*"This item is strictly for decorative/ornamental purposes only, and is not suitable for use as a container for food."*

3 We would also like to remind all importers of food ware made of ceramic or porcelain to ensure that the products comply with the local food standards. All import of such food wares are subjected to inspection and sampling by AVA.

4 Please contact our TradeNet officers at Tel: 6325 0783, 6325 0784 or 6221 5056, if you require any clarification.

Yours faithfully

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