



Circular

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To all Importers / Declaring Agents / Manufacturers / Retailers of fats and oils*,
and Operators of eating and catering establishments, and bakeries

Dear Sirs/Madams

Proposed Trans Fat Requirements for Fats and Oils

Since September 2009, the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) has been engaging industry members through several dialogue sessions to inform and gather their feedback on the proposed trans fat requirements on locally sold fats and oils products. This national initiative to reduce the trans fat intake of Singaporeans is a joint effort of AVA, the Health Promotion Board and the National Environment Agency.

2 Having gathered industry members' feedback, AVA is now considering the implementation of trans fat requirements in fats and oils sold and used in Singapore. The proposed limit being considered is 2g of trans fat per 100g of fats and oils. When adopted, this limit will cover fats and oils used in eating and catering establishments, as well as bakeries, by 1 June 2010. This limit will come into effect for retail-pack fats and oils by 1 December 2010 and the trans fat content will then have to be declared on the Nutrition Information Panel of retail-pack fats and oils.

3 AVA will keep industry members informed once a decision on these proposals has been made. For further enquiries, please write in to AVA_LabelsAndClaims@ava.gov.sg or contact any of the AVA officers below:

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Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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- * Fats and oils refer to those stipulated under regulations 78 to 92 of the Food Regulations

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