



Our Ref: AV (HS) 2402

12 August 2009

### All Licensed Importers of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Dear Sir/Madam,

#### CHANGE IN THE INSPECTION PROGRAMMES FOR CURRY LEAF FROM MALAYSIA

In a review of the vegetable inspection results, it was found that the performance of curry leaf from Malaysia inspected under the Monitoring Surveillance Programme (MSP) were inconsistent and unsatisfactory.

2. Please be informed that with effect from **1 September 2009**, AVA will elevate curry leaf from Malaysia for inspection under the **Enforcement Surveillance Programme (ESP)**, whereby the consignments will be detained after inspection pending the laboratory results. Consignments that fail the pesticide residue tests will be destroyed.
3. You are advised to monitor your imports and obtain your supplies from reliable sources. If the pesticide residue situation of curry leaf does not show improvement, AVA may consider to further elevate them to a more stringent level of inspection.

Yours sincerely,

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