



MEDIA UPDATE ON VEGETABLE SUPPLY SITUATION IN SINGAPORE

Supply of Vegetables

Singapore's supply of vegetables remained normal. From 3 pm yesterday to 3 pm today, 461 tonnes of fresh vegetables were imported from Malaysia. This is 94% of the normal volume of vegetables imported before the closure of Pasir Panjang Wholesale Centre (PPWC). There were 186 approved suppliers of Malaysian vegetables to Singapore.

2 There continued to be active trading of vegetables at the secondary distribution sites at Toa Payoh and Eunos. Last night, 18 stalls were operating at Toa Payoh, and 8 stalls were operating at Eunos.

Situation at the Causeway

3 AVA cleared 239 vehicles at the Woodlands checkpoint bringing in 461 tonnes of vegetables and 511 tonnes of fruits. Four vehicles were turned back: 2 were not on the approved list of suppliers while the other 2 had been to PPWC.

SARS screening arrangements at PPWC

4 SARS screening will be carried out on all people entering PPWC when it re-opens for business. Three SARS screening stations will be set up to carry out temperature checks and obtain SARS declarations from people arriving by different modes of transport.

5 Light vehicles (e.g. cars, vans, pick-ups) personnel will be screened at the public carpark behind West Coast Car Mart and adjacent to PPWC (off West Coast Highway). People arriving by public transport will be screened at the canteen at PPWC. Heavy vehicles (e.g. lorries and containers) personnel will be screened within PPWC premises. Vehicles that had been screened at the Woodlands Checkpoint need not be screened again at PPWC. There will be traffic marshals present to direct traffic. The locations of the SARS screening stations are in the [Annex](#).

6 To expedite the SARS screening process at PPWC, traders and delivery personnel visiting PPWC are strongly encouraged to complete the SARS declaration form ahead of time. These forms can be downloaded from AVA's website: www.ava.gov.sg from 4 May 2003 onwards. It will also be useful for visitors to bring along their own thermometers if they have one.

Issued by Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority
Ministry of National Development
on 2 May 2003

\\c\pr03pp15WEB

MEDIA RELEASE