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CIRCULAR

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All Processed Food Importers/Declaring Agents

All declaring agents are requested to inform your importers of the contents of this circular.

Dear Sirs/Madams

IMPORT OF ORGANIC PROCESSED FOOD

We wish to remind you that food products labelled as organic foods, organically produced or words of similar meanings are required to meet the standards established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission for organically produced foods. This Codex standard can be downloaded from the following website:

http://www.codexalimentarius.net/web/standard_list.do?lang=en

2 Therefore, all import of organic processed food are required to accompany with the organic certification from the relevant certification bodies of the country of origin.

3 Importers are required to declare if the imported food products are labelled as organic food product or of organic origin by typing the word "organic" in the product / item description field in the Tradenet system during permit application. Please see examples below:-

HS CODE	PRODUCT CODE	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	UNIT OF QTY
09012110	ZBPØBBØØØØØ	COFFEE, ROASTED, UNGROUND (ORGANIC)	KGM
20079990	ZJPØBRIPTØØ	JAM/ MARMALADE, BLUEBERRY (ORGANIC)	KGM

4 Importers are required to produce the original organic certificate as and when required when AVA officer inspects the incoming organic food consignments. Failure to do so could liable you to be prosecuted under the Sale of Food Act or The Food Regulations.

5 If you require any clarification, you may contact Mr Ahmad Rahman at Tel: 6325 8369. Alternatively, you can also contact our TradeNet officers at Tel: 6325 0783, 6221 5056.

Yours faithfully

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