



## REMINDER

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All traders/ freight forwarders/cargo agents/carriers

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

Dear Sirs

### IMPORT OF MOONCAKES WITHOUT MEAT CONTENT

Further to AVA's circular of 4 July 2007, we wish to remind you that all importers of mooncakes (without meat content) are required to ensure that the imported mooncakes are produced in a food establishment under proper supervision of the competent food authority of the country of production or which has a quality control program acceptable to AVA.

2 Importers are required to submit documentary proof at the point of permit application that the mooncakes they import are produced in a regulated food establishment (one time submission), unless there are changes to the sources of supply.

3 Some examples of documents that are acceptable include:

- Business licence or registration of the food establishment or
- Health Certificate or
- Certificate of HACCP or equivalent quality assurance system or
- Certificate of Good Manufacturing Practices

4 Please fill in the attached form (Annex 1) and fax the completed form together with a copy of the document(s) to AVA at fax: (65) 62215091.

5 In addition, importers are also required to submit a copy of laboratory test report (see Annex 2 for test parameters) to AVA (FCD) for every consignment of mooncakes during application for import permits.

6 Importers are required to fax the test report to our Tradenet Officer at fax no: (65) 62215091 for verification. Please indicate your Unique Reference Number (URN) on the copy of the test report.

7 Application for import permits will be processed online during office hours (Mon–Fri: 8.00am to 5.30pm) only. Importers are advised to apply early for their import permits.

8 Please note that a licence for import/export/transshipment of meat and fish products is required to import mooncakes with meat content such as chicken floss or ham etc. Mooncakes with meat content are not allowed to be declared using the AVA (FCD) Registration Number.

9 Please also note that all mooncakes imported are subjected to AVA's inspection and sampling. Importers should ensure that their products comply with the local standards and labelling requirements.

10 Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated. You may contact our TradeNet officer during office hours at Tel: (65) 63250783 or 62215056, or Mr Aaron Soo at Tel:(65) 63257143, or Mr Wan Yeng Phui at Tel: (65) 63250789, if you need any clarification.

Yours faithfully



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Annex 2

**Laboratory Test Parameters (Mooncakes)**

S/N	Microbiological Test Parameters	Specification
1	Total colony count	not more than 100,000 cfu per gram
2	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	not more than 3 MPN per gram
3	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	not detected
4	<i>Staph</i> enterotoxins	not detected
5	Salmonella	not detected
6	<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	not detected
7	<i>Bacillus</i> enterotoxins	not detected
8	<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	not detected
9	<i>Clostridium botulinum</i>	not detected
S/no	Chemical Test Parameters	Specification
1	Sulphur dioxide	not detected
2	Benzoic acid	not detected
3	Sorbic acid	<1000 ppm
4	Methyl p-benzoate	not detected
5	Propyl p-benzoate	not detected
*6	Sudan Red I, II, III & IV	not detected
*7	Para Red	not detected

Mooncakes **without** egg yolk **need not** be tested for Sudan Red and Para Red.