



LIFTING OF RESTRICTION ON CASUAL BUYERS INTO PASIR PANJANG WHOLESALE CENTRE (PPWC) FROM SUNDAY, 25 MAY 2003

Lifting of restriction on casual buyers

1 Casual buyers will be allowed into PPWC with effect from Sunday, 25 May 2003, ten days before the end of the one-month restriction period. The early lifting of the restriction on casual buyers took into consideration the measures taken by PPWC traders, including greater self-regulation, to keep PPWC SARS-free.

2 With the cooperation of the PPWC tenants and workers, the various SARS preventive and security measures (e.g. health declarations, temperature checks and perimeter fencing) put in place have been working well since PPWC was re-opened on 5 May 2003. In addition, the PPWC tenants and their workers have also begun monitoring their own temperatures.

3 To further strengthen these measures, AVA and other relevant authorities are working closely with the PPWC traders to implement an electronic identification system from Friday, 23 May 2003. The electronic identification system will facilitate contact tracing, keep out unauthorized persons, and speed up entry clearance. All PPWC tenants and workers will be issued identification passes bearing their photographs and personal particulars. For visitors to PPWC, their identity cards will be scanned, and they will be issued identification stickers.

SARS screening at PPWC for casual buyers

4 Casual buyers will be required to undergo SARS screening (i.e., temperature check and health declaration) before they can enter PPWC. Those traveling to PPWC by light vehicles (e.g. cars, vans, pick-ups) will be screened at the SARS screening station (SSS) in the public carpark behind West Coast Car Mart and adjacent to PPWC (off West Coast Highway). Those arriving by public transport will be screened at the SSS in the Food Centre at PPWC.

5 The location map of the SARS screening stations can be downloaded from the AVA's website: www.ava.gov.sg.

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