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All Importers

Dear Sirs

### **IMPORT CONDITIONS FOR MILK, MILK PRODUCTS AND PRODUCTS CONTAINING MILK FROM CHINA**

AVA has been working closely with the Chinese authorities to facilitate the resumption of imports while ensuring food safety of imports of milk and milk products from China, including freedom from melamine contamination since the suspension of the import of the products on 19 Sep 2008.

2 We are pleased to inform you that the suspension will be lifted with effect from 18 December 2008 subject to compliance with the following conditions for the import of milk, milk products and products containing milk from china:

- (a) Only new batches of milk, milk products and products containing milk that are manufactured on or after 18 December 2008, in food establishments approved for export by the Chinese authorities, will be allowed to be imported into Singapore
- (b) A health certificate issued by the authority in China with test results certifying that the products are free from melamine must also accompany each imported consignment.

3 These measures will take effect immediately to facilitate the resumption of imports from China. AVA is still working with Chinese authorities to work out a more comprehensive health certificate for subsequent imports of milk, milk products and products containing milk from China. AVA will keep you informed once it is finalized.

4 The new imported consignments are still subjected to hold and test.

5 We would also like to inform you that the tolerable limits for melamine in food are as follows:

- 2.5 parts per million (ppm) for melamine in food in general
- 1 ppm for melamine in foods for infants and children up to 3 years of age

6 Please contact our TradeNet Duty Officer at Tel: (65) 6325 0783 / (65) 6221 5056 if you require any clarification.

Yours faithfully



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