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To All Oil importers/ / Declaring agents

Dear Sirs/Madams

IMPORT OF CAMELLIA SEED OIL AND LINSEED (OR FLAXSEED) OIL

It has been brought to our attention that some importers and declaring agents are importing Camellia seed oil and Linseed (or flaxseed) oil under the HS & Product Codes for Edible Oils/Vegetable Oils and sold as food in Singapore.

2 Please take note that the HS & Product Codes for Edible Oils are not appropriate for use in the declarations of import permits for import of these products. Any import declarations with such products will not be approved and anyone found falsely declaring such oils as edible or vegetable oil products is committing an offence under the Sale of Food Act.

3 As the safety and suitability of both Camellia seed oil and Linseed (or flaxseed) oil for consumption as food have not been evaluated, the import and sale of these products as food are currently not permitted. Companies intending to import and sell Camellia seed oil and Linseed oil as food are required to first submit official documentary proof issued by food safety authorities of major developed countries indicating the safety of these products for consumption as food, for AVA's consideration.

4 In view of the above, please be reminded that failure to comply with this requirement will make you liable to be prosecuted under the Sale of Food Act, and on conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and, in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months, or to both.

5 If you require further clarification, you may contact our TradeNet officers at Tel: 63250783 or 62215056.

Yours faithfully

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