



MEDIA UPDATE ON VEGETABLE SUPPLY SITUATION IN SINGAPORE

Supply of Vegetables

Singapore's supply of vegetables remained normal. From 3 pm yesterday to 3 pm today, 422 tonnes of fresh vegetables were imported from Malaysia. This is 31% higher than the usual weekend levels of imports from Malaysia before the closure of Pasir Panjang Wholesale Centre (PPWC). There were 185 approved suppliers of Malaysian vegetables to Singapore.

2 There continued to be active trading of vegetables at the secondary distribution sites at Toa Payoh and Eunos. Last night, 33 stalls were operating at Toa Payoh, and 10 stalls were operating at Eunos.

Situation at the Causeway

3 AVA cleared 140 vehicles at the Woodlands checkpoint bringing in 422 tonnes of vegetables and 119 tonnes of fruits. Two delivery personnel were turned back as they were detected to have fever during their temperature checks.

Reminder: SARS screening arrangements at PPWC

4 The public are reminded that SARS screening will be carried out on everyone entering PPWC when it re-opens. Three SARS screening stations have been set up to carry out temperature checks and obtain SARS declarations from people arriving by different modes of transport.

5 Light vehicles (e.g. cars, vans, pick-ups) personnel will be screened at the public carpark behind West Coast Car Mart and adjacent to PPWC (off West Coast Highway). People arriving by public transport will be screened at the Food Centre at PPWC. Heavy vehicles (e.g. lorries and containers) personnel will be screened within PPWC premises. Vehicles that had been screened at the Woodlands Checkpoint need not be screened again at PPWC.

6 To expedite the SARS screening process at PPWC, traders and delivery personnel visiting PPWC are strongly encouraged to complete the SARS declaration form ahead of time.

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

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