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To: Pet Importers

### **IMPORT OF SMALL MAMMALS TO SINGAPORE**

The personal and commercial importation of small mammals should comply with the Veterinary Conditions that are published on the AVA website at <http://www.ava.gov.sg/explore-by-sections/pets-and-animals/bringing-animals-into-singapore-exporting/animals>.

2 Pet owners may at times wish to import directly from an overseas breeder or farm. These animals would not be able to comply with the requirement that they have been kept as pets continuously since birth or for the past six months prior to export, and have been assessed for import on a case by case basis. With effect 1 June 2017, personal importers of small mammals importing directly from breeders and farms would need to comply with the following requirements:

- a) The veterinary health certificate that accompanies the animals should comply with the conditions for “commercial consignments” instead of “personal pets”
- b) The animals shall be subjected to 2 weeks of post-arrival quarantine at the Sembawang Animal Quarantine Station. Importers of the small mammals are required to make a quarantine reservation online at <https://qms.ava.gov.sg>
- c) The importer of the small mammals must submit a signed and dated Letter of Declaration at the point of import licence application, declaring that the animals are to be imported as personal pets and are not for sale or commercial purposes.

3 The requirement 2(a) above means that personal imports of small mammals directly from breeders and farms would need to be from AVA approved breeding facilities. As application for approval of breeding facilities may only be made by a licensed pet shop or pet farm, personal importers may wish to appoint a licensed pet shop or pet farm to apply for approval of the breeding facility. The import of small mammals as personal pets from unapproved breeding facilities will not be allowed.

4 Please contact [AVA\\_Import&Export\\_Animals@ava.gov.sg](mailto:AVA_Import&Export_Animals@ava.gov.sg) if you have any questions. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely

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