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All Exporters of Food Products

Dear Exporters

1) Enhancement of the Revised Export Certification of Food Products

With effect from 31 July 2021, SFA will adopt the following approach for export certification:

- a) Exporters are required to check and ascertain with their customers and importing countries if testing of each export consignment is required
- b) SFA does not require testing of each export consignment prior to issuance of Health Certificate if testing is not required by the importing country
- c) As part of the exporters' food safety monitoring programme, exporters are required to carry out surveillance testing of their export consignments regularly and the test parameters and limits applied must be aligned to the requirements of the country of import
- d) Exporters with accredited Food Safety Management System (FSMS) and which do not have any incidence of rejection of export consignment (that is related to food safety) within the past three years of exports will be subjected to SFA's annual audit instead of periodic audits

2) Legal responsibilities of exporters (issued with SFA's export certificates)

Appointed Qualified Person (QP) must comply with the following:

- a) apply for export health certificate from SFA for export of consignment of food only when required by importing country and the export consignment meet all requirements of importing country of their food products
- b) ensure that food to be exported is packaged and labelled in accordance with the requirements of the country to which the food is to be exported
- c) implement effective food safety monitoring system to ensure safety of export consignments and compliance with requirements of importing country



- d) implement effective traceability and recall programme to react promptly on feedback of rejection/detention of their export consignments by importing countries
- e) do not export food which is unsafe or unsuitable for human consumption
- f) responsible to arrange (at own expense) for samples of export consignments to be collected and sent to SFA's recognised labs under the Laboratory Recognition Programme (www.sfa.gov.sg/food-information/laboratory-recognition-programme) for testing and submit the test report during application, if testing of the export consignment is required by the importing country
- g) ensure chain of custody of samples and company's sampling process is followed
- h) provide accurate information of the export consignment to SFA when applying for export certificates
- i) do not alter/tamper SFA's export certificates or any form, document or label

3) Enquiries

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