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Fish and Seafood Traders

Dear Sir/Mdm

REVISED REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORT OF PUFFERFISH

With effect from 31 August 2022, SFA will allow the import of additional pufferfish product types, namely, farmed pufferfish parts (i.e., fins, skin and milt) from Japan, under specific import conditions. All pufferfish products (muscle meat from wild and farmed pufferfish and farmed pufferfish fins, skin and milt) can only be imported from SFA-accredited sources. The details on the revised import requirements are listed in **Annex A**.

Food safety risk assessment of pufferfish

2 Currently, only the import of pufferfish muscle meat from Japan is allowed. SFA has conducted a detailed assessment of the food safety risks of wild-caught and farmed pufferfish. There is scientific evidence to show that tetrodotoxin (TTX), a toxin typically concentrated in the ovaries, liver and intestines of pufferfish, is more likely to accumulate in wild-caught pufferfish. There is also sufficient scientific evidence to show that farmed pufferfish which are subjected to a controlled TTX-free diet are free from the toxin. Therefore, SFA has concluded that farmed pufferfish present a safer alternative to meet the local demand of pufferfish parts.

Revised pre-import control measures

3 Import of pufferfish muscle meat (both wild-caught or farmed) from Japan continue to be permitted. From 31 August 2022, SFA will also allow the import of additional pufferfish product types (pufferfish parts - fins, skin, milt) from farmed sources in Japan under strict conditions, namely:



(i) Only approved pufferfish products from SFA-accredited pufferfish establishments will be allowed to be imported. A list of pufferfish processing establishments identified by Japan's Ministry of Health and Labour Welfare (MHLW) to be compliant with SFA's revised requirements will be published on SFA's website by 31 August 2022. Importers can also remind their suppliers in Japan to work with MHLW to be listed as eligible for export to Singapore, in order to continue exporting pufferfish products to Singapore.

(ii) Each consignment of imported pufferfish must also be accompanied by a health certificate issued by MHLW.

4 With the revised requirements for the import of pufferfish, there will be new HS and product codes for farmed pufferfish fins, skin, and milt, as appended in **Annex B**. Importers are required to declare the correct HS and product codes, and specific establishment code of the pufferfish processing establishment in the appropriate fields in [TradeNet](#) when applying for import permits. The establishment codes are to be filled in the field name, "CA/SC Code 1". If the establishment codes are not filled in the designated field, or invalid establishment codes are filled, the permit declaration will be rejected.

5 For enquiries on the import of pufferfish, please send them to www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback.

ISSUED BY:

RISK MANAGEMENT & SURVEILLANCE DEPARTMENT
JOINT OPERATIONS DIVISION
SINGAPORE FOOD AGENCY

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REVISED IMPORT CONDITIONS FOR PUFFERFISH IMPORTS

| | Revised |
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| Import Conditions | <p data-bbox="416 573 699 607">Import Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="467 651 1358 757">a) All pufferfish products (muscle meat from wild and farmed pufferfish and farmed pufferfish fins, skin and milt) can only be imported from SFA-accredited sources. <li data-bbox="467 797 1299 869">b) <u>Pufferfish fins, skin, and milt</u> from <u>farmed pufferfish</u> are eligible for import. <li data-bbox="467 909 1350 981">c) <u>Pufferfish meat</u> from <u>wild and farmed pufferfish</u> are eligible for import. <li data-bbox="467 1021 1310 1160">d) Each consignment exported to Singapore must be accompanied by the <u>agreed</u> health certificate, issued by MHLW. The health certificate must include the following attestations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="517 1205 1190 1238">• The product is safe for human consumption. <li data-bbox="517 1245 1382 1458">• The products have been prepared in accordance with the regulations of Japan, under the supervision of a qualified chef licensed by the [relevant competent authority of Japan, i.e. MHLW] in <u>an establishment accredited by SFA</u> and is audited regularly by the competent authority for compliance with conditions for import into Singapore. |

NEW PRODUCT CODES FOR PUFFERFISH FINS, SKIN, AND MILT

| HS code | Product code | Product description | Unit |
|----------------|---------------------|--|-------------|
| 03029900 | FFC0XZPU | PUFFER FISH PART (MILT), FARMED, CHILLED | TNE |
| 03039900 | FFF0XZPU | PUFFER FISH PART (MILT), FARMED, FROZEN | TNE |
| 03029900 | FFC0XGPU | PUFFER FISH PART (FIN), FARMED, CHILLED | TNE |
| 03039900 | FFF0XGPU | PUFFER FISH PART (FIN), FARMED, FROZEN | TNE |
| 03029900 | FFC0XSPU | PUFFER FISH PART (SKIN), FARMED, CHILLED | TNE |
| 03039900 | FFF0XSPU | PUFFER FISH PART (SKIN), FARMED, FROZEN | TNE |
| 03052090 | FFP0XZDSPU | PUFFER FISH PART (MILT), FARMED, DRIED, SALTED OR IN BRINE | TNE |
| 03052090 | FFP0XZKPU | PUFFER FISH PART (MILT), FARMED, SMOKED | TNE |
| 03057990 | FFP0XGDSPU | PUFFER FISH PART (FIN), FARMED, DRIED, SALTED OR IN BRINE | TNE |
| 03057990 | FFP0XGKPU | PUFFER FISH PART (FIN), FARMED, SMOKED | TNE |
| 03057990 | FFP0XSDSPU | PUFFER FISH PART (SKIN), FARMED, DRIED, SALTED OR IN BRINE | TNE |
| 03057990 | FFP0XSKPU | PUFFER FISH PART (SKIN), FARMED, SMOKED | TNE |