

## Circular

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To all food businesses

*All declaring agents are requested to inform the importers of the contents of this circular.*

Dear Sir/Madam

### **FOOD (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2022**

The Food (Amendment) Regulations 2022 will come into operation on 31 July 2022.

2 This set of amendments makes changes to the Food Regulations to allow the use of Pathogen Reduction Treatments (PRTs) on meat. PRT refers to any antimicrobial substance that when applied on food, reduces the food's microbial load. PRTs are used in the form of a rinse, dip, spray or wash on carcasses and meat cuts at various points in the slaughterhouse or meat cutting plant.

3 The food industry has been consulted via a public consultation exercise from 7 February 2022 to 8 April 2022. A summary of the comments received and SFA's response can be downloaded from:

<http://www.sfa.gov.sg/legislation>

(Select "Sale of Food Act", then click on

- "Response to comments received from public consultation on draft Food (Amendment No. X) Regulations 2022")

4. The Food (Amendment) Regulations 2022 can be downloaded from:

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*(Select “Sale of Food Act”, then click on “Food (Amendment) Regulations 2022”)*

5. With effect from 31 July 2022, SFA will allow the application of the PRTs listed in the new Seventeenth Schedule of the Food Regulations on meat, subject to the conditions laid out in the Food Regulations. This applies to both imported meat as well as meat produced by SFA-licensed meat deboning and cutting plants, and slaughterhouses. Establishments using PRTs are required to maintain proper records of PRT usage and keep the records for at least six months after the date of use.

6 Food business operators are reminded that PRTs are not to be used as a replacement for proper hygiene practices.

7 Please contact SFA through email ([mohd\\_naim\\_mohd\\_ayob@sfa.gov.sg](mailto:mohd_naim_mohd_ayob@sfa.gov.sg)) should you need clarification on the amendments.

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