

Circular

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To all Local Food Farms / Importers / Manufacturers

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

Dear Sir/Madam

MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMIT ESTABLISHED FOR NICARBAZIN IN SHELL EGGS

Maximum limits for incidental constituents in food (including residues of veterinary drugs) are specified under the Food Regulations. The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) continuously reviews and updates these maximum limits in order to safeguard consumer health and to meet the changing needs of the food industry.

2 Maximum residue limits (MRLs) for nicarbazin, a veterinary drug, are currently specified for muscle, kidney and liver from chicken (refer to SFA circular dated 20 April 2020 - *Maximum Residue Limits Established for Pesticides and Veterinary Drugs Previously Not Allowed in Food*), but there is no MRL specified for nicarbazin in shell eggs. Consequently, residues of nicarbazin are not permitted to be detected in shell eggs.

3 SFA has assessed the risk of the presence of low levels of nicarbazin in shell eggs, and established a MRL of **300 ppb** for nicarbazin in shell eggs, in line with the regulatory standards of major developed countries. SFA has conducted a risk assessment to ensure that the consumption of food containing residues of nicarbazin at levels below the MRLs is safe.

4 SFA will administer the MRL for nicarbazin in shell eggs with effect from **4 January 2021**. All traders are reminded to ensure that shell eggs made available for sale on or after 4 January 2021 comply with this requirement.

5 The complete list of maximum limits for incidental constituents in food is available on our website at <https://www.sfa.gov.sg/food-information/regulatory-limits>

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