

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

MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMIT ESTABLISHED FOR NICARBAZIN IN CHICKEN TISSUES

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 chicken tissues, namely muscle, kidney, liver and fat/skin (refer to SFA circular dated 7 Jan 2022 – “Maximum Residue Limits for Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Food”).

3 SFA has assessed the risk of the levels of nicarbazin in the following chicken tissues, and revised the MRLs to 4000 ppb, 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 revised MRLs is safe.

Animal Species	Tissue	MRL in parts per million (ppb)
Chicken	Muscle	4000
Chicken	Liver	4000
Chicken	Kidney	4000
Chicken	Fat/Skin	4000

4 SFA will administer the revised MRLs for nicarbazin in paragraph 3 with effect from 3 June 2022. All traders are reminded to ensure that chicken tissues made available for sale on or after 3 June 2022 comply with the revised MRLs.

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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