

CIRCULAR

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Dear Sir/Madam

CHANGES IN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS OF FOOD PRODUCTS FROM JAPAN

This is to inform that for imports of food products from Fukushima prefecture, existing food import restrictions on Naraha Town, Kawamata Town and Kawauchi Village is lifted with immediate effect. Food from these 3 municipalities will be subjected to import conditions similar to the rest of Fukushima prefecture, where importers have to make an import permit declaration and submit a surveillance certificate³ to AVA in advance, and imports from Fukushima may be subject to hold-and-test by AVA.

2 The Certificate of Origin (COO) is still required for every consignment of food products imported from Japan. Please refer to the table below for a summary of these import requirements for food products from Japan. The format of COO is also attached in the Annex for your reference.

3 A summary of the new import requirements is shown below:

S/N	Prefecture	Category	Revised import requirements
1	Tochigi Ibaraki Gunma	Seafood and forest products ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of origin from MAFF • Pre-export testing certificate for radioactivity
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meat and meat products; - Fruits & Vegetables (fresh and processed); - Milk and milk products; - Table hen eggs; - Green tea and green tea products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meat and meat products & table hen eggs must be obtained from AVA approved sources, accompanied by health certificate • Certificate of origin from MAFF or Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry

S/N	Prefecture	Category	Revised import requirements
2	Other prefectures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meat and meat products; - Seafood; - Fruits & Vegetables (fresh and processed); - Milk and milk products; - Table hen eggs; - Green tea and green tea products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meat and meat products & table hen eggs must be obtained from AVA approved sources, accompanied by health certificate • Certificate of origin from MAFF or Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry
3	Fukushima (Areas close and around the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant ²)	All food products	Currently not approved
4	Fukushima [excluding areas mentioned in (3)]	Seafood and forest products ¹	Currently not approved
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meat and meat products; - Fruits & Vegetables (fresh and processed); - Milk and milk products; - Table hen eggs; - Green tea & green tea products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meat and meat products & table hen eggs must be obtained from AVA approved sources, accompanied by health certificate • Certificate of origin from MAFF • Require surveillance certificate³

¹ Forest products refer to products derived from the forest, such as wild berries and all mushrooms (wild grown and bed cultivated).

² Areas include the whole of Minamisoma City, Iitate Village, Namie Town, Katsurao Village, Futaba Town, Okuma Town and Tomioka Town

³ This surveillance certificate refers to a pre-export testing certificate with a validity of 3 months' duration. This certificate is specific for a commodity from a specific area in Fukushima.

4 In order to facilitate import clearance, please declare the prefecture of origin accordingly in your permit declaration, and attach a copy of the certificate of origin and pre-export testing certificate (if required) via TradeNet® for our verification. Please note that declarations submitted without the required documents will be rejected.

5 Please submit your permit applications during our operating hours to avoid delay in permit approval. Our operating hours are as follows:

Operating Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Friday: 8.30am - 5.00pm

Lunch Hour: 1.00pm - 2.00pm

Saturday, Sunday and public holidays: Closed

6 Please be reminded that all imported food products are to comply with the standards as stipulated in the Sale of Food Act and the Food Regulations, Wholesome Meat and Fish Act and the Control of Plants Act. Imports of these food products may be subjected to hold-and-test by AVA.

7 Please do not hesitate to email us at email: ava_import&export_foodstuff@ava.gov.sg, if you have any other queries.

Yours faithfully

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Declaration for the import from Japan into the Republic of Singapore

Invoice Number **Declaration Number.....**

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(competent authority)

DECLARES that the food of this consignment composed of:
(description of consignment, product, number and type of
 packages, gross or net weight) embarked at
(embarkation place) on
 (date of embarkation)
 by (identification of
 transporter) going to(place and country
 of destination)

originates from the prefecture of....., and does NOT fall into the category of the products in the table shown below.

falls into **category 1** in the table below, originates from _____(area/district) in the prefecture of Fukushima where surveillance for radionuclide caesium-134 and caesium-137 in agriculture and food products has been carried out.

falls into **category 2** in the table below, originates from the prefecture of and has been sampled on (date), subjected to laboratory analysis on (date) in the..... (name) of laboratory), to determine the level of the radionuclide, caesium-134 and caesium-137. The analytical report is attached

Exporter (name, address, country)

Consignee (name, address, country)

Done at on.....

Stamp and signature of
 authorised representative of competent authority

Category	
1	milk, milk products, fruits, vegetables, meat, eggs, green tea products from the prefecture of Fukushima, except seafood and forest products
2	seafood and forest products originating from the prefecture of Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma