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# Recall of eggs from Linggi Agriculture Sdn Bhd (Malaysia) due to presence of Salmonella Enteritidis

The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) has detected the presence of *Salmonella* Enteritidis (SE) in eggs imported from Linggi Agriculture Sdn Bhd in Malaysia. The affected eggs can be identified by the stamp "CEM014" on the eggs.

- As SE may cause foodborne illness if food is consumed raw or undercooked, SFA has directed the importers to recall the product as a precautionary measure. The recall is ongoing. The farm is also suspended and SFA will lift the suspension only when the farm has rectified the SE contamination issue.
- As SE can be destroyed by heat, eggs are safe to consume if they are cooked thoroughly. SE can survive in raw and undercooked eggs and may cause foodborne illness. The symptoms include diarrhoea, abdominal pain, fever, nausea and vomiting. While the infection typically subsides within a week in most people, SE can cause serious infection in vulnerable population such as the elderly, young children and those with weakened immune systems.
- 4 Consumers who have purchased the affected eggs are advised to cook them thoroughly before consumption. Those who have consumed the eggs and are unwell should seek medical attention.

#### **Table 1: List of Importers**

- 1. An Hong Egg Supplies
- 2. Chuan Huat Poultry Farm Pte Ltd
- 3. Dasoon Pte Ltd
- 4. FE Supply Pte. Ltd.

Note: Not all eggs imported by these importers are affected. Only those with the farm code indicated above, "CEM014", are implicated in this recall.

5 Details of the implicated product are as follows.



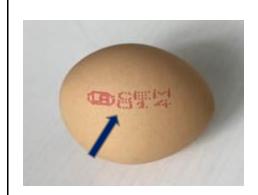
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Implicated product

Farm code: CEM014

Best before: All Batches

Country of origin: Malaysia



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### How do we ensure eggs in Singapore are safe to eat?

Eggs imported into Singapore must come from accredited sources that meet SFA's food safety and animal health standards. As part of our accreditation criteria and import conditions, farms need to be free from SE. Local egg farms are also required to have in place good farm management practices and strong biosecurity measures to prevent the risks of SE contamination. These include having a grading system to remove soiled and/or cracked eggs, and regularly testing their hens for SE to remove eggs of SE-infected flocks from sale. Both imported and local eggs are subject to our food safety surveillance programme, which includes inspection and testing.

#### How do we reduce the risk of food poisoning caused from SE in eggs?

SE can be present inside the egg, as well as on the egg shell. While we cannot tell if eggs are contaminated just by looking at it, we can reduce the risk of SE infection by ensuring that eggs are cooked thoroughly until the egg white and yolk are solid, and practising proper hygienic practices to prevent cross-contamination with other food. More information on "Salmonella and Eggs" can be found on our website.