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Fresh and Minimally Processed Fruits and Vegetable Importers

Dear Sir/Madam

Reminder on the import procedures and requirements of minimally processed fruits and vegetables

Following our circular dated 5 Mar 2021 on the proper declaration of product codes for fruits and vegetables in import permits, we would also like to remind all importers on the import procedures and requirements when importing minimally processed fruits and vegetables [fresh or chilled, either cut or peeled (other than whole)] to Singapore.

2 Minimally processed fruits and vegetables are categorised as processed food. Importers are required to register with SFA as a processed food importer at the GoBusiness Licensing website, www.foodservices.gobusiness.gov.sg/licences (Go to 'Apply for Licences from SFA', click on 'Apply for SFA Licences', then go to 'Registration to Import Processed Food Products and Food Appliances').

3 Importers of minimally processed fruits and vegetables are required to comply with the following import requirements:

(a) Submission of documentary proof (one-time submission) that the imported products are manufactured in a premises regulated by the Competent Authority of the country of origin (e.g. certified true copy of the manufacturer's licence),

(b) Submission of chemical and microbiological laboratory reports once in six months for the import of minimally processed fruits and minimally processed leafy vegetables (eg. lettuce, cabbage, cai xin etc.). Laboratory reports will not be required for the import of non-leafy minimally processed vegetables (eg. onions, potatoes, carrots, water chestnuts etc.)

Laboratory Report Submitted by Importer (Once every 6 months)	
Chemical	Microbiological for ready-to-eat only e.g salad, cut fruits etc
Pesticide Residues <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organochlorines• Organophosphates• Dithiocarbamates• N-Methylcarbamates• Pyrethroids	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Total colony count• Fecal coliform• E. coli

4 Importers are also to ensure that the imported food products comply with the standards as stipulated in the Sale of Food Act and the Food Regulations, including its labelling requirements. More information on the import requirements of specific processed food products can be found at www.sfa.gov.sg/food-import-export/commercial-food-imports (Go to 'Conditions to import processed food and food appliances').

5 We would like to remind all importers to submit the necessary documents during permit declaration to facilitate the import clearance of food products at the point of import. Please note that imported food products are subjected to inspections by SFA.

6 You may reach us via the online feedback form <<https://www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback>> if you require further clarification. Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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