



**LIFTING OF SUSPENSION ON THE IMPORT OF MILK & MILK PRODUCTS
(INCLUDING PRODUCTS CONTAINING MILK) FROM CHINA**

The import of all milk and milk products from China has been suspended since 19 Sep 2008. The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) has been working closely with the Chinese authorities to facilitate the resumption of imports while ensuring food safety of imports of milk and milk products from China, including freedom from melamine contamination.

2 An AVA inspection team inspected dairy farms, milk collection centres and food processing establishments and assessed the overall control system in China. AVA is satisfied with the control measures in place to ensure that milk, and milk products from China imported into Singapore are not contaminated with melamine. Hence, the AVA will lift the suspension on the import of milk and milk products (including products that contain milk as an ingredient) from China with effect from 18 Dec 2008.

3 Products produced on or after 18 Dec 2008 will be allowed to be imported into Singapore. In addition, the following import conditions must also be complied with:

- i) the products must be produced by establishments approved for export by the Chinese authorities,
- ii) the manufacturers are required to test each batch of their raw materials and end products to ensure that they are not contaminated with melamine, and
- iii) the Chinese authorities must inspect and test each batch of the products and issue health certificates with results of melamine tests to accompany consignments exported to Singapore.

4 AVA will continue to monitor the products imported into Singapore after the lifting of the suspension to ensure that they are not contaminated with melamine and are safe for consumption.

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