

## **Circular**

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To all local food importers / manufacturers

*All declaring agents are requested to inform the importers of the contents of this circular.*

Dear Sir/Madam

### **FOOD (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2020**

The Food (Amendment) Regulations 2020 will come into operation on 3 April 2020.

2. This set of amendments makes changes to the existing microbiological standards for ready-to-eat (RTE) food, currently stipulated under Regulation 35 and the Eleventh Schedule of the Food Regulations. The revised requirements are more trade facilitative than existing requirements and are generally in-line with international practice.

3. The food industry has been consulted via two rounds of public consultations, with the first public consultation exercise held from 22 August 2017 to 23 October 2017 and the second public consultation exercise held from 22 October 2018 to 21 November 2018. A summary of the comments received, and then-AVA's response can be downloaded from:

<http://www.sfa.gov.sg/legislation>

(Select "Sale of Food Act", then click on

- "Response to comments received from the public consultation on proposed amendments to the Food Regulations regarding microbiological standards for ready-to-eat (RTE) Food" and
- "Response to comments received from the second public consultation on proposed amendments to the Food Regulations regarding microbiological standards for ready-to-eat (RTE) Food")

4. The Food (Amendment) Regulations 2020 can be downloaded from:  
<http://www.sfa.gov.sg/legislation>  
(Select “Sale of Food Act”, then click on “Food (Amendment) Regulations 2020”)
5. Traders are reminded to ensure that your RTE foods available for sale in Singapore on or after 3 April 2020 comply with the revised microbiological standards for RTE foods. SFA will facilitate traders to comply with these requirements.

ISSUED BY:

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