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## AVA SUSPENDS IMPORTS OF FOOD FROM AFFECTED PREFECTURES IN JAPAN

AVA has received information that the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) has detected high radioactivity levels in raw milk and vegetables from Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma prefectures.

- 2. In addition, the Japanese Government has ordered a stop to the sale of raw milk and certain types of vegetables from the affected prefectures of Fukushima and Ibaraki.
- 3. In view of the recent developments, AVA has taken the precautionary measure to immediately suspend the import of milk and milk products, fruits and vegetables, seafood and meat from Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi and Gunma.
- 4. The suspension is in line with the precautionary approach adopted by other countries such as U.S and Australia.
- 5. Meanwhile, AVA will continue to closely monitor and test imports of food from Japan.
- 6. The public could visit the Japan Earthquake microsite at <a href="https://www.gov.sg/japanquake">www.gov.sg/japanquake</a>) for latest updates and information from the authorities. They could also visit AVA site at <a href="https://www.ava.gov.sg">www.ava.gov.sg</a>.

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