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## Four farms certified under AVA's Good Aquaculture Practice for Fish Farming (GAP-FF)

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As part of Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority's (AVA) continued efforts to support the local farming industry, AVA is introducing the Good Aquaculture Practice for Fish Farming (GAP-FF) Certification Scheme. This is in conjunction with NTUC FairPrice's "Made in Singapore" fair. The scheme aims to raise the profile of local fish farms and provide assurance to both retailers and consumers by setting the benchmark for the production of safe and quality fish.

- AVA's Chief Executive Officer, Ms Tan Poh Hong, said "With the launch of the GAP-FF scheme, it is now easier for consumers to identify fishes produced by GAP-FF certified farms through the logo. The GAP-FF logo is a mark of quality. We hope that consumers can continue to support the local farming industry by buying local produce. This scheme is also an extension to the current Good Agricultural Practice for Vegetable Farming (GAP-VF) and Singapore Quality Egg Scheme (SQES). We encourage more local farms to come on board on these certification schemes."
- 3 Under this voluntary GAP-FF scheme, local food fish farms are required to:
  - hold a valid farm licence
  - comply with farm licensing conditions
  - have conducted at least 1 year of food fish farming activities
  - comply with the GAP-FF Guidelines for safe and quality fish production, for example, farm management and feeding practices

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- maintain updated records of key farm activities including fish sales, to ensure traceability and accountability.
- be audited for compliance to the guidelines before they can be certified under GAP-FF.

A pilot batch of 4 farms under Barramundi Asia Pte Ltd, Rong-Yao Fisheries Pte Ltd and Marine Life Aquaculture Pte Ltd will be certified under the scheme. GAP-FF certified farms can brand their produce with the GAP-FF logo.

#### On local production

Local production is an important secondary strategy in ensuring food supply resilience for Singapore. It complements our key strategy of source diversification and ensures a degree of self-sufficiency for key food items such as eggs, fish and leafy vegetables. Local production will also provide us with a buffer against supply disruptions. To this end, AVA has been working closely with local farmers and partners such as NTUC Fairprice, to promote local produce.



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