

SFA launches industry guide to help farmers set up sea-based farms

The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) has launched an industry guide which provides farmers with an overview of the procedures and regulatory requirements involved in setting up a sea-based farm in Singapore.

2 Singapore farms play an important role in strengthening our food security as local production helps mitigate the impact of supply disruptions from import sources, an increasing concern amid climate change. With the upcoming transformation of local sea-based farms, the new industry guide is timely to help prospective and current sea-based farmers understand and navigate the regulatory requirements to set up a sea-based farm.¹ This can help to expedite farm development, which will in turn boost our local food production and contribute to Singapore's '30 by 30' goal, i.e. to build our agri-food industry's capability and capacity to sustainably produce 30 per cent of our nutritional needs by 2030.

3 Developed in consultation with the Regulations Workgroup (RWG)² agencies, with inputs from the Singapore Agro-Food Enterprises Federation Limited (SAFEF), the guide includes:

1. An overview of the government agencies involved in the approval process and their contacts. This informs farmers of the relevant agencies they can contact for various enquiries.
2. Details of the key regulatory requirements and processes in setting up a sea-based farm, including information on the documents required, fees and timelines in the regulatory approval process. This will help the sea-based farmers better manage their project schedules, resources and finances.

4 The guide is available online at SFA's website at <https://www.sfa.gov.sg/food-farming/food-farms/starting-a-coastal-fish-farm>. It will be updated regularly to reflect any changes to existing regulatory requirements.

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¹ An industry guide for land-based and indoor farms was launched on 9 Oct 2020:
<https://go.gov.sg/farmindustryguide9oct20>

² Led by EnterpriseSG and SFA, the RWG comprises 12 other agencies, including the Building and Construction Authority, Economic Development Board, Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore, JTC Corporation, Land Transport Authority, National Environment Agency, National Parks Board, Public Utilities Board, Singapore Civil Defence Force, Singapore Land Authority, Urban Redevelopment Authority and Marine & Port Authority of Singapore.



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As the lead agency for food-related matters, the Singapore Food Agency's mission is to ensure and secure a supply of safe food for Singapore. SFA works hand-in-hand with the industry and consumers to grow our three "food baskets" –Diversify import sources, Grow local, and Grow overseas, as well as ensure food safety from farm-to-fork. SFA also partners food businesses to strengthen capabilities, tap on technologies to raise productivity, undertake research to develop new lines of business, and catalyse industry transformation to ensure food security.

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