

**SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES ENHANCED AS PASIR PANJANG  
WHOLESALE CENTRE REOPENS**

Following the temporary closure of PPWC (from 27 – 29 September 2021) after COVID-19 cases were detected amongst persons working at and visiting the premises, PPWC will reopen at 3pm today.

2 Prior to its reopening, deep cleaning and disinfection of the premises were conducted. During the temporary closure, the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) worked closely with the relevant stakeholders and trade associations to identify areas where Safe Management Measures (SMMs) could be further strengthened. These enhanced SMMs will take effect from today, 30 September 2021.

**SMMs at PPWC****SMMs which were in place since Mar 2020**

3 Since March 2020, entry into PPWC is restricted to authorised personnel – primarily comprising tenants, workers and traders – and all visitors must be screened to ensure they have authorised entry passes before entering. They are also required to adhere strictly to TraceTogether SafeEntry. Additionally, since August 2021, all trade visitors authorised to enter PPWC have to undergo On-Arrival Testing (OAT). Staff and tenants were also put on a 14-day Rostered Routine Testing (RRT) regime.

4 Safe Distancing Ambassadors (SDAs) and Enforcement Officers (EOs) have stepped up and been conducting frequent surveillance within the premises to ensure strict compliance with SMMs. EOs also ensure that foreign delivery personnel carry out contactless deliveries and remain near to their vehicles at all times. Foreign delivery personnel are provided with designated toilet facilities at PPWC, which are separate from those used by PPWC tenants and workers. Additionally, since August 2021, unloading of goods from foreign trucks is performed by tenants' workers only, to prevent mingling with foreign crew during the unloading process.

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### **Enhanced SMMs**

5 Following the review, the SMMs have been further enhanced to segregate the various sectors within PPWC, i.e the fruits, vegetables, dried goods, and coldroom sections. The enhanced SMMs include the following:

- All tenants and workers entering PPWC will be required to wear coloured wristbands according to the sector they are working in. Tenants and workers are not allowed to cross sectors unnecessarily.
- Controls on number of workers of each tenant who can access the coldroom sector. These workers who access the coldrooms will have to be tested twice a week and have negative tests before they are allowed entry into the coldroom.
- Maximum crowd capacity of 250 trade visitors at Block 13A of the vegetable sector during night trading hours.

6 The frequency of RRT testing for all persons working at PPWC will also be increased from a 14-day regime to a 7-day regime, while OAT for trade visitors will continue.

7 Over the past few days, PPWC tenants and workers were required to undergo another round of Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests and only those who show negative PCR tests are allowed to resume operations at PPWC today.

### **Unified fight against COVID-19**

8 Collective responsibility of all who work and trade at PPWC is critical in keeping everyone safe. We urge all tenants, workers, and traders to adhere to the measures while at PPWC.

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9 Acknowledging the close collaboration with the industry in ensuring the smooth reopening of PPWC, Mr Melvin Chow, Senior Director of SFA's Food Infrastructure Development & Management Division, said, "We thank the industry for working with us to implement SMMs since the onset of the pandemic, as well as during this period to identify areas for tightened SMMs. We will continue to monitor the operations at PPWC and work with stakeholders to resolve any teething issues and further refine the enhanced measures if necessary to the unique working conditions of PPWC."

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