



## SINGAPORE'S FISH SUPPLY REMAINS STABLE

1 The action taken by some Malaysian fish traders to temporarily stop transporting fish to Singapore by land for three days (due to disputes over a new Malaysian export ruling) has minimal impact on Singapore's fish supplies. The Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) assures the public that there is sufficient supply of fresh fish in the market.

2 There is no shortage in Singapore's fish supply as any shortfall from Malaysia can be easily met by existing stocks held by importers. Local importers are also bringing in more supplies of fish from other countries such as Indonesia and Thailand.

3 In 2003, Singapore's total fish supply amounted to 92,000 tonnes, of which 10% comes from local production. Malaysia accounts for 30% (8% are live fish and 22% are chilled fish) of total fish imports. Live fish from Malaysia is not affected and continues to be imported. Remaining imports come mainly from Indonesia and Thailand as well as other countries such as Vietnam and China.

4 AVA will continue to monitor the situation closely.

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