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New Regulations on the Grading Packaging and Labeling

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Report Highlights:

Malaysia will begin enforcing new grading, packaging and labeling regulations relating to agricultural produce on January 1, 2011. For the benefit of U.S. exporters, this report only covers requirements for agricultural produce at the point of entry. Certain information will be required in the Bahasa Malaysia (the local Malay language). Stickers will be allowed but must be put on before entering Malaysia.

General Information:

The Malaysian Parliament passed the Grading, Packaging and Labeling of Agricultural Produce Regulations in August 2008. This regulation will be enforced on 1 January 2011. It covers the grading, packaging and labeling of agricultural produce imports and exports in Malaysia. It also affects the grading, packaging and labeling of agricultural produce at the wholesale and retail level. For the benefit of U.S. exporters, this report only covers requirements for agricultural produce at the point of entry.

Agricultural produce specified in the First Schedule (See Appendix I) are subjected to this Regulation.

Grading

All agricultural produce shall be graded according to the grade standard found in the 2nd Schedule (See Appendix II). If the grade of an agricultural produce is not listed in the 2nd Schedule, it shall be graded according to the standard specified by the country of origin of the produce. If the grade is neither listed in the 2nd Schedule or by the country of origin, then it shall be graded according to the standard prescribed by FAMA.

Packaging

A package of agricultural produce shall contain the same type and grade standard and shall not exceed 30 kilogram. The packaging shall be firm and the materials of the packaging shall be of good quality and durable to provide maximum protection during transportation and handling.

Labeling

The standard labeling in English on carton boxes is acceptable, but in addition, Bahasa Malaysia labeling is required for the following:

- a. Name and business address of the importer or the local agent
- b. Common name of the agricultural produce
- c. Grade standard of the agricultural produce
- d. Size of the agricultural produce
- e. Country of origin of the agricultural produce
- f. Weight of package of the agricultural produce

A sticker containing the information above is allowed to be affixed on the carton boxes. The size of the sticker shall be 11cmx7cm and above and the color of the sticker shall contrasts strongly with the background. The size of the lettering shall be 20 point and above. The sticker must be put on before entering the country and shall be applied on the top or side surface of the carton.

Agricultural produce imported into Malaysia are subjected to conformity inspection and importers are subjected to penalties for produce that do not meet the above requirement.

For more information on these regulations, please follow this link:

<http://www.fama.gov.my/web/guest/247>

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APPENDIX I

First Schedule – Produce

| Common Name | Botanical Name |
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| FRESH VEGETABLES | |
| Roselle | <i>Hibiscus sabdariffa L.</i> |
| Asparagus | <i>Asparagus officinalis</i> |
| Yam stalk | <i>Colocoasia esculenta</i> |
| Onions | <i>Alliurn cepa L.</i> |
| Chinese spinach | <i>Amaranthus sp.</i> |
| Lady's finger | <i>Hibiscus esculentus L.</i> |
| Broccoli | <i>Brassica oleracea var. italica</i> |
| Sweet shoot | <i>Sauropus androgynus</i> |
| Mushroom | <i>Pieurotus sp.</i> |
| Chilies | <i>Capsicum annum</i> |
| Sweet pepper | <i>Capsicum annum L. var grossum</i> |
| Spring onion | <i>Allium fistulosum L.</i> |
| Coriander Chinese parsley | <i>Coriandrum sativum</i> |
| Celery | <i>Apum graveolens L. Apunt</i> |
| Ginger | <i>Zingiher officinate Roscoe</i> |
| Corn | <i>Zea mays L.</i> |
| Jering | <i>Archidendron jiringa</i> |
| Four-angled bean | <i>Psophocarpus tetragonolobus</i> |
| French bean | <i>Pl2aseolus vulgaris L.</i> |
| Long bean | <i>Vigna sesquipedalis L. Fraw</i> |
| Dwarf long bean | <i>Vigna unguiculata sub. Sp. unguiculata</i> |
| Butter bean | <i>Phaseolus lunatus</i> |
| Green soybean | <i>Glycine maa C.</i> |
| Snow peas / sweet peas | <i>Pfsunt satiyum Linn. Var. saccharatum</i> |
| Chinese kale | <i>Brassica alboglabra Bailey</i> |
| Water spinach / onvolvulus | <i>Ipentoea aquatic</i> |
| Torch ginger | <i>Phaeomeria speciosa</i> |
| Chinese box thorn | <i>Lyciurn Chinese L.</i> |
| Angled loofah | <i>Luffa acutangula</i> |
| Cabbaga | <i>Brassica oleracea var. capitata</i> |
| Cabbage | <i>Brassica oleracea var. capitata Linn</i> |
| Chinese cabbage | <i>Brassica campestris L. ssp pekinensis</i> |
| Chinese chives | <i>Allium tuberosum</i> |
| Wax guord / winter melon | <i>Benincasa hispida</i> |

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| Tumeric | <i>Carcinoma domestica Val</i> |
| Pumpkin | <i>Cucurbita spp</i> |
| Capsicum Bell pepper | <i>Capsicum annum L.</i> |
| Galangdale | <i>Lunguas galangal</i> |
| Leek | <i>Allum apmeloprasum var. porrum</i> |
| Carrot | <i>Daucas carota L.</i> |
| Radish | <i>Paphanas sativax L.</i> |
| Cleome | <i>Cleome gynandra L</i> |
| Water chestnut | <i>Eleocharis dulcix</i> |
| Morinda | <i>Morinda citrifolia L.</i> |
| Parsley | <i>Petroselinum crispum var tuberosium</i> |
| Indian pennywort | <i>Centell axiaica L.</i> |
| Bitter gourd | <i>Momordica charantia L.</i> |
| Iwisted cluster bean | <i>Parkia speciova</i> |
| Fern shoots | <i>Athyeium esculentum</i> |
| Mint | <i>Menthol sp</i> |
| Bamboo shoot | <i>Bambusa spp.</i> |
| Ceylon spinach | <i>Busella alha L.</i> |
| Head lettuce | <i>Lactuca satiyva L.</i> |
| Mustards | <i>Brassica sp.</i> |
| Watercrest | <i>Nasturtium officinate</i> |
| Yambean | <i>Pachsrrihicus erosus L urban</i> |
| Lemon grass | <i>Crombogaon citrates</i> |
| Spinach (bok choy) | <i>Spinacia oleravera L.</i> |
| Bean sprout | <i>Phaselulus angreux</i> |
| Lotus root | <i>Nelambo nucifera</i> |
| Brinjal Egg plant | <i>Solannum melongena</i> |
| Cucumber | <i>Cucumber SDativus L</i> |
| Tomato | |
| Garland chrysanthemum | |
| Turnip | <i>Brassica rapu Rapifera group</i> |
| Beetroot | <i>Beta vulgaris L.</i> |
| Manihot | <i>Manihot exculenta</i> |
| Yam | <i>Colocasia esculenta</i> |
| Sweet potato | <i>Ipontoea batatas</i> |
| Potato | <i>Solanuni tuberosum Linn</i> |
| Ulam raja | <i>Cosmos caudatus Kunth</i> |
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| FRESH FRUITS | |
| Grape | <i>Vitis venifera</i> |
| Apricot | <i>Prunus armeniaca</i> |
| Avocado | <i>Persea Americana</i> |
| Horse mango | <i>Mangidera foe tida</i> |
| Starfruit | <i>Averrhoa carambola L.</i> |
| Papaya | <i>Carica papaya</i> |

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| Papaya (Exotica) | <i>Carica papaya L.var. Eksotika</i> |
| Jujube | <i>Zizyphus maruitinia</i> |
| Chempedak | <i>Artocarpus chempedan Spreng</i> |
| Cherry | <i>Prunus avium</i> |
| Chiko | <i>Achras sapota</i> |
| Pomegranate | <i>Punica granatunt</i> |
| Dokong | <i>Lansium dontesticum</i> |
| Duku | <i>Lansium dontesticunt</i> |
| Duku Langsung | <i>Lansiunt domesticunt</i> |
| Durian | <i>Durio zibetlvinus Murr.</i> |
| Soursop | <i>Annona maricata L.</i> |
| Apple | <i>Malus pumila</i> |
| Water apple | <i>Syzygium aqueum</i> |
| Guava | <i>Psidium guajava L.</i> |
| Malay apple | <i>Syzygium malaccensis</i> |
| Otaheite apple | <i>Spondias cytherea</i> |
| Raisins | <i>Vitis vinifera</i> |
| Kuini | <i>Mangifera odorata</i> |
| Plum mango | <i>Bouea macarophylla</i> |
| Dates | <i>Phones dactylifera</i> |
| Litchi | <i>Litchi chinensis Sonn</i> |
| Langsat | <i>Lansium domesticum</i> |
| Citrus | <i>Citrus sp</i> |
| Mandarin orange (domestic) | <i>Citrus reticulate</i> |
| Loquats | <i>Eriobotry japonica</i> |
| Mango | <i>Mangifera indica Linn</i> |
| Mangosteen | <i>Garcini mangostana</i> |
| Passion fruit | <i>Passiflora edulis</i> |
| Cat's eyes | <i>Dimocarpus longan</i> |
| Custard apple | <i>Annona Reticulata</i> |
| Orange | <i>Citrus sp</i> |
| Nutmeg | <i>Myristica fragrans</i> |
| Pear | <i>Pyrussp.</i> |
| Peach | <i>Prunus persica</i> |
| Banana | <i>Musa sapientum</i> |
| Passimon | <i>Diospryros kaki linn</i> |
| Mas banana | <i>Musa sapientura cv. Mas</i> |
| Dragon fruit | <i>Hylocerus undatus</i> |
| Plum | <i>Prunus donstestica</i> |
| Pulasan | <i>Nephelium ramboutan- ake</i> |
| Common rambai | <i>Baccaurea motleyna</i> |
| Rambutan | <i>Nephelium lappaceum</i> |
| Strawberry | <i>Fragaria x anananssa</i> |
| Snake fruit | <i>Salacca edulis</i> |
| Bread fruit | <i>Artocarpus communis</i> |

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| Watermelon | <i>Citrullus vulgaris</i> Schard |
| Musk-melon | <i>Cucumis melon</i> Linn |
| FRESH CUT FLOWERS | |
| Chrysanthemum (multi-floral) | <i>Chrystantehmum morifolivana</i> |
| Orchid (spray type) | <i>Orchidacea</i> family |
| Roses (unifloral) | <i>Gemus Rosa</i> |
| Roses (multi-floral) | <i>Gemus Rosa</i> |
| Carnation (unifloral) | <i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i> |
| Carnation (multi floral) | <i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i> |
| BEANS | |
| Groundnut kernels | <i>Arachis hypogaea</i> |
| Groundnut, fresh in shell | <i>Arachis hypogaea</i> |
| NUTS | |
| Coconut | <i>Cocos nucifera</i> |
| GRAINS | |
| Coffee bean | <i>Coffea Arabica</i> L. |
| OTHERS | |
| Sugar cane stem | <i>Saccalaarum</i> L. |

APPENDIX II

2ND SCHEDULE – GRADE STANDARD OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE

| Common Name | Botanical name | Publication where the standard is found. |
|---------------------|---|--|
| Lady's finger | <i>Hibiscus esculentus</i> L. | MS1230: 1991 |
| Chilies | <i>Capsicum annum</i> | MS894:1984 |
| Sweet Pepper | <i>Capsicum annum</i> L. var. <i>grossum</i> | MS1124-1996 |
| Ginger | <i>Zingiber officianale</i> Roscoe | MS1306:2005 |
| French bean | <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> L. | MS1252-1992 |
| Long bean | <i>Vigna sesquipedalis</i> L. | MS651:2003 |
| Chinese kale | <i>Brassica alboglabra</i> Bailey | MS1324-1993 |
| Cabbage | <i>Braissica aleracea</i> var. <i>capitata</i> | MS892-2004 |
| Chinese cabbage | <i>Brassica campestris</i> L. ssp <i>pekinses</i> (Lour) Olsson | MS1393-1996 |
| Bitter gourd | <i>Mantardica charantia</i> L. | MS1146-1989 |
| Head lettuce | <i>Lactuca sativa</i> L | MS1361-1994 |
| Mustard | <i>Brassica</i> sp | MS1323-1993 |
| Spinach (poh choy) | <i>Spinacia oleracea</i> L. | MS1362-1994 |
| Cucumber | <i>Cucumis sativus.</i> L. | MS956-2003 |
| Tomato | <i>Lycopersicum esculentuna</i> Mill | MS893-2003 |
| FRESH FRUITS | | |
| Starfruit | <i>Averrhoa carambola</i> L. | MS1127-2002 |
| Papaya | <i>Carica papaya</i> | MS1040-1486 1 |
| Papaya (exotica) | <i>Carica papaya</i> L. var. | MS1149-7989 |

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| Guava | <i>Psidium guajava L.</i> | MS1149-1989 |
| Mandarin orange (domestic) | <i>Citrus reticulata</i> | MS232-1974 |
| Mango | <i>Mangifera indica Linn</i> | MS885-1984 |
| Mangosteen | <i>Garcinia mangostana</i> | MS1128-1989 |
| Jackfruit | <i>Artocarpus heterophyllus Lam</i> | MS459-1976 |
| Banana | <i>Musa sapientum</i> | MS459-1976 |
| Mas banana | <i>Musa sapientum cv. mas</i> | MS1028-1986 |
| Watermelon | <i>Citrullus vulgaris Schard</i> | MS1028-1986 |
| Musk-Melon | <i>Cucumis naelo Linn</i> | MS1325-1993 |
| FRESH CUT FLOWERS | | |
| Chrysanthemum | <i>Chrysanthemum naelo inn</i> | MS1354-1993 |
| Orchid (spray type) | <i>Orchidacea family</i> | MS1280-1992 |
| Roses (unifloral) | <i>Gemus Rosa</i> | MS1233-1991 |
| Roses (multi-floral) | <i>Gemus Rosa</i> | MS1355-1994 |
| Carnation (unifloral) | <i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i> | MS1281-1992 |
| Carnation (multi floral) | <i>Dianthus caryophyllus</i> | MS1353-1994 |
| BEANS | | |
| Groundnut kernel | <i>Arachis lypogao</i> | MS457-1976 |
| Groundnut, fresh in shell | <i>Arachis hypogao</i> | MS458-1976 |