



PRESS RELEASE

NutryFarm Continues to Export Fresh Durians from Thailand to China; Adheres to Stringent Quality Assurance Standards and Regulatory Requirements Across its Entire Work Process

Singapore, 17 August 2021 – NutryFarm International Limited (“**NutryFarm**” or the “**Company**”, and together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”), wishes to highlight it is aware of some online articles relating to the detection the nucleic acid (genetic material) of the COVID-19 virus in the packaging of imported durians from Thailand to China.

However, based on findings and reporting by the Chinese state media, there is no such incident and such online articles are inaccurate and misleading⁽¹⁾.

The Group would like to state that its business operations are functioning normally and it continues to export fresh durians from Thailand to China.

Accordingly to the World Health Organization, COVID-19 virus is not transmitted to humans via food. COVID-19 is a respiratory illness and it requires a live animal or human host to multiply and survive and cannot multiply on the surface of food packages⁽²⁾.

As fresh durians are fresh agricultural products, they are subjected to strict food safety standards and customs importation guidelines from the Chinese authorities.

Since the start of the pandemic, China has implemented strict quarantine measures for imported Thai durian products. Before exporting to China, durian exporters must first submit certificates of Good Agricultural Practice and Good Manufacturing Practice to Chinese customs authorities and apply for a Department of Agriculture certificate. Durians approved for export then receive a Department of Agriculture serial number to facilitate source tracing in the event of contamination⁽³⁾.

Adhering to stringent quality assurance standards across its entire work process, the Group continues to comply with the relevant regulatory requirements for the export of fresh durians from Thailand to China.

In addition, the Group has instituted safe management measures in its work processes since the outbreak of COVID-19 to further limit the risks of transmission.

Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of NutryFarm, Mr. Cheng Meng (程勳), said, “*With a strong of responsibility and duty towards our customers, we continue to comply with the additional regulatory requirements. At the same time, we have implemented various new measures so that Chinese consumers can continue to safely enjoy our high quality durians during the ongoing pandemic.*”

While continuing our vigilant efforts against COVID-19, we will continue to fulfil the current order book on hand and we aim to secure new orders from existing and new customers.”

(1) <http://m.news.cctv.com/2021/08/16/ARTI4Cz365HKaR8BTCIqThNp210816.shtml>

(2) <https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/coronavirus-disease-covid-19-food-safety-and-nutrition>

(3) <https://www.producereport.com/article/thailand-promotes-covid-free-durians-stabilize-chinese-market>



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About NutryFarm International Limited

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NutryFarm International Limited (“NutryFarm” or “the Company”, and together with its subsidiaries, “the Group”), has two key business segments namely, fruit trading and nutrition.

Global Agricapital Holdings Pte. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, is engaged in the wholesale trading and distribution of fruits, particularly in durians.

Through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Nutryfarm Biomedicine International Limited (“NFB”), the Group produces high quality nutrition and health food products formulated mainly from natural traditional medicinal herbs from across the Americas and regions in China, Europe and New Zealand for consumers in the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”).

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