

FAQs for Farm-to-Table Recognition Programme (FTTRP)

Local Produce in Singapore

1. Where can I find local produce?

You may refer to <https://www.sfa.gov.sg/fromSGtoSG/where-to-buy>
(Please note that this list is not exhaustive.)

Application

2. Can we apply for FTTRP under our parent company?

Yes, companies can apply for the FTTRP through either:
(1) Group Level – For centralised procurement of ingredients; or
(2) As an individual food establishment

3. Is FTTRP logo ownership transferrable across different parties?

The FTTRP logo can only be used by the HoReCa business that has attained the logo. The logo ownership is non-transferrable across parties.

4. Can we choose which period of procurement records to submit?

Applicants are required to submit 1 month's worth of procurement records to SFA for assessment. The records submitted must be within the past 6 months of procurement from the point of application.

5. How can we show that the fresh produce is procured from local producers or imported from overseas?

To show that the fresh produce is procured either from local producers or imported from overseas, the supplier invoices would need to reflect the **name and address of the local farm** (for local fresh produce) or **the importer company name and country of origin** (for imported produce).

If these details are not reflected in the invoices, applicants would need to **seek email endorsement(s) from supplier(s) to provide confirmation**. Please refer to Annex A & B below for the email templates for reference.

6. What if my food establishment is suspended?

SFA will assess the application when the suspension is lifted.

Percentage Calculation for the FTTRP

7. How do we calculate the percentage of local produce used in our procurement for the purpose of FTTRP?

The food establishment must achieve at least 15% of local produce (in dollar value) in any of the 4 food categories:

- 1) Hen Shell Eggs
- 2) Leafy Vegetables
- 3) Beansprouts
- 4) Fish

$$\frac{\text{Procurement value (SGD\$) of local produce in particular food category}}{\text{Total procurement value (SGD\$) for particular food category i.e. local produce + imported produce}} \geq 15\%$$

Food Categories under the FTTRP

8. What are the acceptable types of produce under the ‘Leafy Vegetables’ category?

The ‘Leafy Vegetables’ category covers any of the varieties of vegetable (excluding edible flowers) where the leaves are intended for human consumption. Herbs like basil, coriander, and mint, as well as microgreens, sunflower sprouts, pea sprouts/pea shoots, are acceptable. Stalk vegetables such as celery, broccoli, or cauliflower are not considered as “Leafy Vegetables”.

Examples of Leafy Vegetables commonly grown in Singapore are:

- Baicai
- Xiao Baicai
- Lettuce
- Bayam (Spinach Chinese)
- Sweet Potato Leaves (Loong Fong Miao)
- Kale (Kailan)
- Cabbage Chinese (Wongbak/Long Cabbage)
- Kangkong (Water Spinach)
- Leaf Mustard
- Caixin (Flowering Cabbage)

(Please note that this list is not exhaustive.)

9. Our food establishment procures ‘Pasteurised Liquid Eggs’ from local farms. Can this be accepted under the FTTRP?

Pasteurised liquid eggs processed using local hen shell eggs from local farms are accepted under the FTTRP. For avoidance of doubt, other types of processed eggs are not accepted e.g. Egg Wash.

10. Can Ready-to-Eat (RTE) food items made using local produce be accepted under the FTTRP?

Only fresh produce ingredients (Hen Shell Eggs, Leafy Vegetables, Beansprouts and Fish) procured directly through suppliers (local farms/aggregators) are accepted. RTE food items made using local produce are not considered under the FTTRP.

11. Can fresh produce that are grown in-house within the food establishment premises (e.g. in-house gardens in restaurants) be accepted under the FTTRP?

Fresh produce grown in-house within the food establishment premises (e.g. microgreens, herbs) are not accepted under the FTTRP. To qualify under the FTTRP, food businesses need to procure local produce from our local farms (refer to question 1).

Annexes

Annex A – Supplier endorsement for Local Produce

Dear ABC Supplier,

We refer to the **name of produce (e.g. Spinach)** supplied to **'Company Name – refers to applicant'** under the following invoices:

- Invoice 1, Date: 1 May 2023
- Invoice 2, Date: 5 May 2023

We wish to seek your email endorsement (email reply) that the **name of produce (e.g. Spinach)** supplied are indeed a local produce sourced from the local farm, **name of local farm (address of local farm) (e.g. XX Farm (No. 3, ABC Road S001001))**.

For your email endorsement please.

Thank you.

Name of staff
Company Name

Annex B - Supplier endorsement for Imported Produce

Dear ABC Supplier,

We refer to the **name of produce (e.g. Lettuce)** supplied to **'Company Name – refers to applicant'** under the following invoices:

- Invoice 1, Date: 1 May 2023
- Invoice 2, Date: 5 May 2023

We wish to seek your email endorsement (email reply) that the **name of produce (e.g. Lettuce)** supplied are imported from **name of importer (e.g. XX Trading)**. The country of origin of produce is **country name (e.g. Malaysia)**.

For your email endorsement please.

Thank you.

Name of staff
Company Name