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## Prohibited Chemical Agent Used in Assassination Incident in Malaysia

On 13 February 2017, Kim Jong Nam, the half-brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, was assassinated at Kuala Lumpur International Airport.

Just last week, the Malaysian police revealed in a post-mortem report that the cause of Kim Jong Nam's death was the extremely lethal chemical agent, ethyl S-2-Diisopropylaminoethyl methyphosphonothiolate (otherwise known as VX nerve agent).

The nerve agent is odourless and tasteless, and can significantly affect the nervous system of the human body, even in small doses.

It has been categorised as a weapon of mass destruction by the United Nations. In addition, its use, apart from research, medical or pharmaceutical purposes, is prohibited under the United Nations' Chemical Weapons Convention.

Singapore is a Member State of the Chemical Weapons Convention and gives effect to it through the *Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Act* (Cap. 37B).

## Baker McKenzie Launches Asia Pacific Food Law Guide 2017

Baker McKenzie has launched its Asia Pacific Food Law Guide 2017, which aims to assist food companies hoping to enter and compete in Asia Pacific's dynamic markets. The Food Law Guide provides key insights on food laws in 11 jurisdictions across the region, including:

- Local language and mandatory labelling requirements;
- Country of origin labelling;
- Mandatory warnings;
- Product registration;
- Import permit and clearance requirements; and
- Changes to local laws and regulations

The Food Law Guide is accessible online [here](#).

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