

Avo & Co Pte Ltd fined \$5,000 for the illegal possession of meat and seafood products for the purpose of sale

Avo & Co Pte Ltd was fined \$5,000 by the Court today for possessing meat and seafood products illegally for the purpose of sale.

2 In September 2022, officers from the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) found that Avo & Co Pte Ltd had possessed approximately 387.41 kg of meat and seafood items (e.g., frozen pork, frozen whole chicken, frozen fish fillet, frozen baby octopus) illegally in an unlicensed cold store. All products were seized by SFA.



Meat and fish items were found at the unlicensed cold store (Photo: SFA)

3 Illegal storage of meat/seafood at unlicensed facilities pose food safety risks. In Singapore, all storage facilities for meat and/or seafood products must be licensed and are required to meet SFA's requirements and food safety standards. These licensed premises are also routinely inspected by SFA. Offenders who are in possession of meat and/or fish products stored in an unlicensed cold store shall be liable on conviction to a maximum fine of \$50,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both, and in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both.

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