

Company fined \$2,000 for illegal operation of meat processing establishment and unauthorised disposal of meat

ILTM Tampines Pte Ltd, a company licenced to sell takeaway foods, was fined \$2,000 by the Court today for operating an unlicensed meat processing establishment and for unauthorised disposal of meat which had been sealed by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA).

2 In November 2019, officers from SFA found that ILTM Tampines Pte Ltd had been conducting processing activities involving thawing and marinating of chicken meat in premises that was not licensed as a meat processing establishment. A total of 78 packets and one tub of raw chicken thighs were sealed by SFA, and detained in the company's chiller. ILTM Tampines Pte Ltd subsequently disposed of the sealed items before investigations were completed, despite being instructed not to do so without SFA's approval.



A total of 78 packets and one tub of chicken thigh were seized by SFA. (Photo: SFA)

3 Illegal processing and storage of meat at unlicensed facilities poses a food safety risk. In Singapore, all meat processing and storage facilities 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 illegally process and store meat products shall be liable on conviction to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.

4 Offenders who tamper with, remove, distribute, sell, or otherwise dispose of any item seized or detained by SFA or alter, counterfeit, deface, destroy, erase or remove any mark, seal or label placed by SFA on such item during the course of an investigation shall be liable on conviction to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.

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