



Company fined \$4,500 for illegal import of fresh vegetables

GH Enterprise Pte Ltd has been fined \$4,500 in court today for importing fresh vegetables without declaring them in the import permit.

2 In November 2017, Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) officers detected about 2.62 tonnes of undeclared assorted vegetables from a lorry at Pasir Panjang Wholesale Centre. The importer, GH Enterprise Pte Ltd, did not declare the assorted vegetables in the import permit. The illegal consignments from Malaysia were seized and destroyed. GH Enterprise Pte Ltd's licence for importing fresh fruits and vegetables has since been suspended by AVA.

3 Illegally imported food products are of unknown sources and pose a food safety risk. In Singapore, food imports must meet AVA's requirements and food safety standards. Food can only be imported by licensed importers, and every consignment must be declared and accompanied with a valid import permit. Offenders who illegally import food shall be liable on conviction to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years.

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