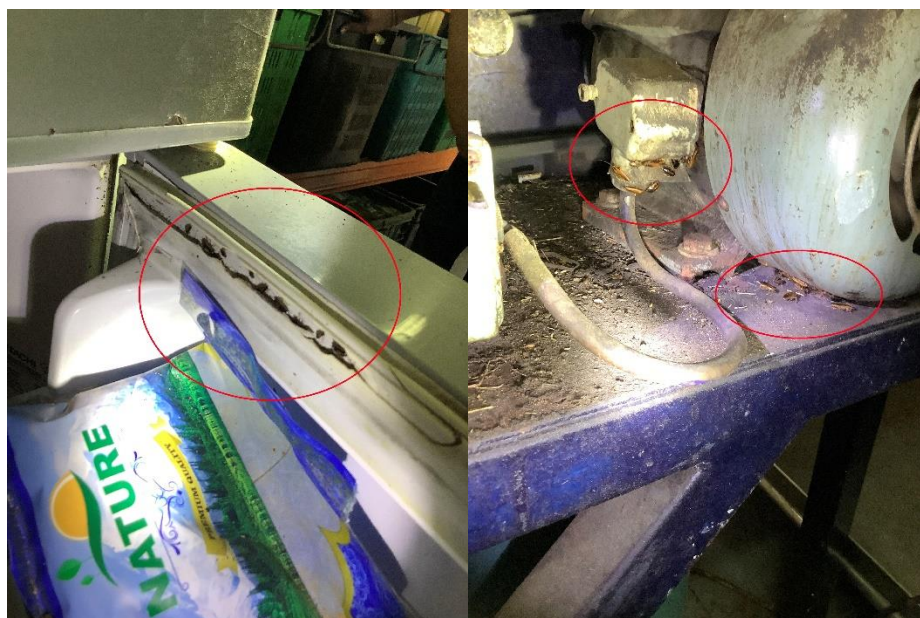![Singapore Food Agency logo]

Dawood Flour Mill & Provision Pte Ltd fined $3,000 for poor maintenance of premises

Dawood Flour Mill & Provision Pte Ltd, a food processing establishment, was fined $3,000 by the Court today for failing to keep its licensed premises clean and free of pest infestation.

2   On 29 January 2020, during an inspection of the licensee's premises by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA), cockroaches and signs of rodent infestations were detected in the food processing area. In addition, several lapses relating to poor housekeeping of the premises were observed.

3   In the interest of public health, the operating licence of the licensee was suspended by SFA for a total of 15 days from 30 January 2020 to 13 February 2020. The suspension was lifted after the licensee had rectified the lapses and took measures to improve the cleanliness of its premises.

Cockroaches and signs of rodent infestations were detected in the food processing area. (Photo: SFA)

4   Food safety is a joint responsibility as food can be contaminated anywhere along the food chain. While SFA continues to be vigilant and works to ensure that

regulatory measures are in place and properly enforced, the industry and consumers must also play their part.

5   All food operators should ensure that their premises are clean and well-maintained, and staff are adequately trained on proper food safety management. SFA will take enforcement action against food operators who do not adhere to regulations or comply with food hygiene and food safety requirements. Offenders are liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding $10,000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or to both.

6   Members of the public who come across poor hygiene practices in food establishments are advised not to patronise them and provide feedback via our online feedback form (www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback) or call our Contact Centre at 6805 2871 with details for our follow-up investigations.

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