

**Food and wine wholesaler fined \$30,000 for multiple offences**

Ferrari Food+Wine Pte Ltd (FFW), a food and wine wholesaler, was fined \$30,000 by the Court today for multiple offences under the Wholesome Meat and Fish Act and Food Regulations.

2 In April 2020, officers from the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) inspected FFW's premises and found about 175 kg of Italian meat products without a valid import permit.

3 During another inspection in December 2020, SFA officers found that FFW had tampered the date mark on 25 assorted pre-packed food products, such as olive oil, jam, and canned food. FFW had also processed about 212 kg of raw meat, seafood, and processed food products without a valid processing establishment licence.

4 In addition, about 1,157 kg of pet food were found in the cold store. This is a breach of licensing conditions as the cold store is only licensed to store food for human consumption.



Assorted meat products without valid import permits were found in the premises (Photo: SFA)



Pet food found in SFA licensed cold store (Photo: SFA)

5 FFW was directed to stop processing meat and processed food products. All illegal food products had been seized by SFA.

6 In Singapore, food imports must meet SFA's requirements. Food can only be imported by licensed importers, and every consignment must be declared and accompanied with a valid import permit. Illegally imported food products are of unknown sources and pose food safety risk. Offenders who illegally import meat or fish products shall be liable on conviction to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years. Offenders who illegally import processed food shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.

7 All food operators must obtain valid food business licences to supply food to other businesses. Food processing at unlicensed premises poses a food safety risk. Under the Food Regulations, those who process food products in an unlicensed premises are liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and, in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$10,000, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or both.

8 Under the Food Regulations, no person shall tamper with any date mark on any prepacked food or sell any prepacked food without an expiry date mark. Those who contravene any of the provisions under the Food Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and, in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, a fine not exceeding \$2,000.

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