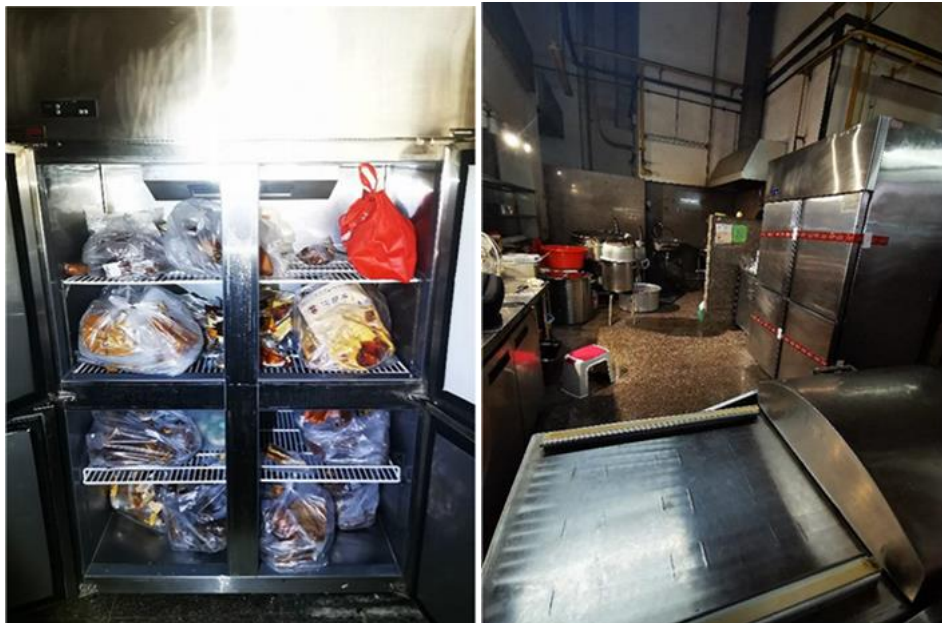


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### **Hua Cheng Restaurant Pte Ltd and Hui Xin Foods Pte Ltd fined \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively for operating unlicensed non-retail food businesses**

Hua Cheng Restaurant Pte Ltd, a retail food stall, and Hui Xin Foods Pte Ltd, a retail food shop, were fined \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively by the Court today for operating unlicensed non-retail food businesses.

2 On 8 July 2021, SFA officers found Hua Cheng Restaurant Pte Ltd was engaging in illegal food processing and packing at its premises located at Admiralty Street. This premises was not licensed to conduct non-retail food businesses (i.e. supply food to other food retail establishments). Over 56 kg of food products were seized.



*Over 56 kg of food products were seized at the Admiralty Street premises. Equipment for food processing and packing were also found there. (Photos: SFA)*

3 On 9 July 2021, SFA found that a retail food shop at Beach Road operated by Hui Xin Foods Pte Ltd had been illegally supplying sausages and meat jerky made and packed at its premises, to a supermarket. While the food shop was licensed to retail prepacked food products at its premises, it was not licensed to conduct a non-retail food business.

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*The sausages and meat jerky were made at Hua Xin Foods Pte Ltd's restaurant (Photo: SFA)*

4 Investigations revealed that the food products processed and packed by both Hua Cheng Restaurant Pte Ltd and Hui Xin Foods Pte Ltd were retailed at Scarlett Supermarket. In the interest of public health, SFA directed Scarlett Supermarket to stop the sale of these food products and remove them from their shelves. The licensee of Scarlett Supermarket was also issued a composition fine for selling food that was not cooked or prepared in a licensed premises. Hua Cheng Restaurant Pte Ltd was directed to stop the production and sale of the food products, and Hui Xin Foods Pte Ltd was directed to cease the supply of its food products for sale at other food retail establishments.

5 Under the Sale of Food Act, no person shall operate a food manufacturing facility without a valid licence. Any person who manufactures food items in an unlicensed premises are liable to 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 3 months, or both.

6 Food safety is a joint responsibility. SFA would like to remind all food operators to obtain a proper and valid food business licence to supply food to other businesses. Members of the public who come across the sale of illegal food products in food

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establishments are advised not to patronise such outlets and provide feedback via our online feedback form ([www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback](http://www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback)) for our follow-up investigations.

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