

Importer fined \$3,600 for illegal import of fresh vegetables and processed food

LHH Vegetable Pte Ltd was fined a total of \$3,600 by the Court today for illegally importing fresh vegetables and processed food.

2 In November 2019, officers from the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) detected about 151kg of undeclared and under-declared fresh vegetables and about 10kg of under-declared processed food in the consignments imported from Malaysia by LHH Vegetable Pte Ltd. All the illegal consignments were seized.



A total of about 151kg of undeclared and under-declared fresh vegetables and about 10kg of under-declared processed food were detected. (Photo: SFA)

3 Illegally imported food products are of unknown sources and pose a food safety risk. In Singapore, food imports must meet SFA'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 fresh fruits and vegetables shall be liable on conviction to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years. Offenders who illegally import processed food shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and in the case of a subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$2,000.

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