

Importer fined \$3,800 for illegal import of processed food and sale of imitation food products

Yuan Sang Pte. Ltd. was fined \$3,800 by the Court today for illegally importing processed food and sale of imitation food products.

2 In November 2019, officers from the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) detected a total of 100kg of undeclared black moss imported from China during an inspection. All the illegal consignments were seized.

3 Samples of the black moss were collected and sent to the laboratory for authentication testing. Test results revealed that the samples were imitation black moss.



A total of 100kg of undeclared black moss was detected. (Photo: SFA)

4 Illegally imported food products are of unknown sources and pose a food safety risk. In Singapore, food imports must meet SFA's food safety requirements. 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 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.

5 In addition, certain high risk categories of food products are subjected to laboratory testing by SFA and can only be sold or supplied to the public upon satisfactory testing results. Offenders who sell food which is not of the quality, nature, or substance of the food demanded by the purchaser, shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and, in the case of a subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or jail term not exceeding 3 months or both.

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