

### **Importer fined \$3,000 for illegal import of fresh vegetables**

69-year-old Mr Tang Khoong Poh (licensee of Heng Kee Trading and Food Supplier) was fined \$3,000 in court today for importing fresh vegetables that did not conform with the requirements in the import permit.

2 In July 2018, officers from the former Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority<sup>1</sup> detected 580 kilogrammes of under-declared fresh vegetables (spring onions and green capsicums) in two consignments of vegetables imported from Malaysia by Heng Kee Trading and Food Supplier. All the illegal consignments were seized and destroyed.

3 Illegally imported food products are from unknown sources and pose a food safety risk. In Singapore, food imports must meet the Singapore Food Agency (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 food will be liable on conviction to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years.

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<sup>1</sup>The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) was formed as a new statutory board under the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources on 1 April 2019. The SFA brings together food-related functions carried out by the former Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore, the National Environment Agency and the Health Sciences Authority.