

Importer fined \$6,000 in total for illegal import of fresh vegetables

GH Enterprise Pte Ltd was fined a total of \$6,000 by the Court today for illegally importing fresh vegetables for sale.

2 In January 2020, officers from Singapore Food Agency (SFA) detected 150kg of undeclared fresh vegetables in the consignments imported from Malaysia by the importer. All the illegal consignments were seized.



150kg of undeclared fresh vegetables were detected. (Photo: SFA)

3 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 vegetables are of unknown sources and can pose a food safety risk (e.g. if unregulated or high level of pesticides are used). The long-term ingestion of excessive pesticide residues through the consumption of vegetables that have been subjected to pesticide abuse could lead to adverse health effects.

4 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.

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