

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

Lim Thiam Chwee Food Supplier Pte Ltd was fined \$3,000 by the Court today for the illegal import of fresh vegetables.

2 In November 2017, officers from the former Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority¹ detected two types of undeclared fresh vegetables (amounting to 88kg) in a consignment of vegetables imported from Malaysia by Lim Thiam Chwee Food Supplier Pte Ltd. The illegal consignment was seized and destroyed.

3 Illegally imported food products are of 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 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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¹ 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.