

J LEE INVESTMENT PTE LTD FINED \$3,000 FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH LICENSING CONDITIONS OF FOOD PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT

J Lee Investment Pte Ltd, a licensed food processing establishment for fish processing, was fined \$3,000 by the Court today for failure to comply with the Singapore Food Agency (SFA)'s licensing conditions of the food processing establishment.

2 On 8 June 2022, SFA officers inspected the premises of J Lee Investment Pte Ltd and detected several repeated non-compliances which were in breach of SFA's licensing conditions and demonstrated a clear disregard for food safety, despite previous enforcement actions taken by SFA. These repeated breaches include the failure to repair the wall of the processing room which was badly damaged and the failure to keep the wall and floor of the processing room in a clean and hygienic condition at all times.



Badly damaged wall in processing area (left) and poor cleanliness condition of floor and wall in processing area (Photo: SFA)

3 In the interest of public health, SFA directed the licensee to rectify the lapses and take necessary measures to improve the food safety practices and cleanliness of its premises.

4 Food safety is a joint responsibility as food can be contaminated anywhere along the food chain. While SFA continues to be vigilant and works to ensure that regulatory measures are in place and properly enforced, the industry and consumers must also play their part.

5 All food operators should ensure that their premises are clean and well-maintained, and staff are adequately trained on proper food safety management. SFA will take enforcement action against food operators who do not adhere to regulations or comply with food hygiene and food safety requirements. Offenders convicted of breaching SFA's food processing establishment's licensing conditions shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months.

6 Members of the public who come across poor hygiene practices in food establishments are advised not to patronise them and provide feedback via our online feedback form (www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback) with details for our follow-up investigations.

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