

Loch Grocer Pte Ltd and its Director fined \$2,000 each for carrying out food processing activities at unlicensed premises

Loch Grocer Pte Ltd, an importer of food products, was fined \$2,000 by the Court today for carrying out food processing activities at an unlicensed premises. Its Director, Lee Chee Hoon, was also fined \$2,000 for failing to prevent the offence from being committed.

2 In July 2021, during an inspection at the premises of Loch Grocer Pte Ltd, officers from Singapore Food Agency (SFA) found that processing activities (slicing of fish) were conducted there. The premises was licensed as a cold store and was not approved for processing activities. Seafood items (approximately 723 kg) and packing materials were seized.



Processed fish were found at the unlicensed premises (Photo: SFA)

3 Illegal processing of fish at unlicensed facilities poses a food safety risk. In Singapore, all meat and/or fish processing facilities must be licensed, and are required to meet SFA's requirements and food safety standards. These licensed establishments are also routinely inspected by SFA. Offenders who illegally process fish shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months, or both.

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