

**Man fined \$1,000 for operating temporary fair without valid permit**

Saifullizan Bin Shaik Osman was fined \$1,000 by the Court today for operating an illegal fair.

2 On 9 September 2022, Singapore Food Agency (SFA) officers found that Saifullizan Bin Shaik Osman had been illegally operating a temporary fair “Geylang Serai Food Festival” at Wisma Geylang Serai. During the inspection, 30 food stalls were found operating without a valid licence. The fair had commenced operations on 7 September 2022 without a valid temporary fair permit.



(Left) Temporary fair held at Wisma Geylang Serai was found operating without a valid licence on 9 September 2022. (Right) A food stall at the temporary fair found operating without a valid licence (Photos by: SFA)

3 Under the Environmental Public Health Act, operators of temporary fairs must get a permit from SFA for the duration of the fair. This allows SFA to ensure that fair operators have complied with measures to ensure food safety. Applications should be submitted at least two weeks before the fair's commencement date. Food and beverage stalls at temporary fairs are also required to be licensed by SFA, with food handlers who have passed the mandatory Food Safety Course Level One.

4 SFA will take enforcement action against temporary fair operators who do not adhere to regulations. Offenders are liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000. For a subsequent conviction, they are liable to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 and/or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

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