

**Man fined \$30,000 for illegal import of meat products**

Ekachai Yasaeng was fined \$30,000 by the Court today for illegally importing around two tonnes of meat products into Singapore for sale.

2 On 5 January 2024, Singapore Food Agency (SFA) officers conducted a check on a Malaysian-registered container truck at an open-air carpark near Joo Seng Road. The officers found meat products, such as pork and chicken skewers, which were illegally imported from Thailand without a valid import license. The products were seized by SFA.



Illegally imported meat products seized by SFA (Photo: SFA)

3 In Singapore, food imports must meet SFA's requirements. Illegally imported food products of unknown sources can pose a food safety risk. Food can only be imported by licensed importers, and every consignment must be declared and accompanied with a valid import permit. In addition, meat and its products can only be imported from accredited sources in approved countries that comply with our food safety requirements.

4 Offenders who import meat and seafood products illegally without a valid license shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction, offenders shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years.

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