

## **Man fined \$6,800 for illegal import of fresh duck eggs, meat products and coriander**

2 August 2017: 24-year-old Pahoon Thanat was fined \$6,800 in court today for illegal import of fresh duck eggs, meat products and coriander.

2 Acting on a tip-off, the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) intercepted a vehicle driven by Thanat at Peninsular Plaza. We found that Thanat had illegally imported 300 fresh duck eggs, 24kg of coriander and 5.5kg of meat products from Thailand. The products were seized and disposed.



*The illegal food products that were seized (photo: AVA)*

3 In Singapore, the import of food is regulated for food safety and animal health reasons. Meat, eggs and their products, can only be imported from accredited sources in approved countries that comply with our food safety standards and requirements.

4 Illegally imported food products are from unknown sources. Apart from being a food safety risk, they also may pose a risk to our public and animal health. Any person who illegally imports food from unapproved sources is liable to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and/or 2 years jail term or to both for first conviction, and in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both.

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