

**MTIA Pte Ltd fined \$37,500 for failure to arrange for SFA inspection and selling imported food consignment prior to inspection**

MTIA Pte Ltd, a licensed meat importer, was fined \$37,500 by the Court today for failure to arrange for inspection, examination, and certification by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA), as well as for selling a consignment of frozen boneless chicken legs prior to inspection.

2 MTIA Pte Ltd had imported 27,000kg of frozen chicken products from Brazil on 8 August 2022. The company failed to arrange for SFA to inspect, examine and certify the consignments and had proceeded to sell the products.

3 In Singapore, upon import of meat products, importers must arrange for these products to be inspected, examined and certified by an authorised examiner before it is sold, distributed or exported. Meat products which are found to be unfit for human consumption will be seized and disposed.

4 Offenders who fail to arrange for their meat consignments to be inspected, examined and certified by an authorised examiner before sale or distribution are liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both. Offenders who had sold their meat consignments which had not been inspected are liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both 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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