



## **Offenders fined for two cases of illegal import of meat products**

23 August 2017: 39-year-old Junsricha Kanokporn was fined \$10,000 for illegal import of meat products and fresh duck eggs. In a separate case, 32-year-old Insawang Pradit was fined \$6,000 for illegal import of meat products. Both cases are unrelated.

2 On 5 August, Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) officers alerted the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) to the detection of illegal food products in two Thai-registered trucks at Tuas Checkpoint. One truck was found with 67kg of meat products and 480 fresh duck eggs, and the other truck was found with 85.5kg of meat products. The products were seized and will be destroyed.

3 Our investigations found that Kanokporn and Pradit had illegally imported the implicated food products from Thailand for sale in Singapore.

4 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.

5 Illegally imported food products from unknown sources pose a food safety risk. 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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**Photos**



Illegal meat products and fresh duck eggs seized from the vehicles (AVA photos)

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