

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Restaurant and director of beauty salon fined \$5,000 and \$4,500 respectively for a company dinner involving more than 60 individuals**

Pin Xiang Yan Holdings Pte Ltd, the licensee of Bee Heong Palace Restaurant, and Ms Tan Yawen, the director of Salon One Beauty Salon, were fined \$5,000 and \$4,500 respectively by the Court on 6 July 2022 for breaching Safe Management Measures (SMMs) during Phase Three of Singapore's reopening from the circuit breaker period last year.

2 In January 2021, Bee Heong Palace Restaurant was found to have accepted a company dinner organised by the director of Salon One Beauty Salon, Tan Yawen, which was attended by 66 other people consisting of employees and friends.

3 The restaurant had breached SMMs by accepting a large booking for this dinner. SFA thus issued an order requiring Bee Heong Palace Restaurant to close for a period of 10 days, from 10 to 19 March 2021. The director breached SMMs for organising a company dinner with more attendees than the prevailing group limit during that period.

4 During Phase Three of Singapore's reopening from the circuit breaker (28 Dec 2020 to 7 May 2021), social gatherings of groups of more than eight outside an individual's residence were prohibited. F&B outlets were also prohibited from accepting bookings from groups larger than eight, even if such groups were split across multiple tables. Intermingling between groups across different tables was also strictly prohibited.

5 Notwithstanding the easing of COVID-19 measures, members of the public and businesses are advised to continue to take prevailing SMMs seriously. SFA will not hesitate to take strong enforcement action against F&B operators and individuals who treat SMMs with flagrant disregard.

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6 Under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act, first-time offenders will be liable to a fine up to S\$10,000, imprisonment up to six months, or both. Repeat offenders will be liable to a fine up to S\$20,000, imprisonment up to twelve months, or both.

**Singapore Food Agency**

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