

Company fined a total of \$12,000 for illegal operation of cold store and possession of meat and seafood products stored illegally for the purpose of sale

Yuan Yong Fong Seafood Pte Ltd was fined a total of \$12,000 by the Court today, for the storage and possession of meat and seafood products for the purpose of sale that were stored illegally in an unlicensed cold store.

2 Another company, Supreme Aquarium Pte Ltd, was fined \$2,000 for allowing Yuan Yong Fong Seafood Pte Ltd to operate the cold store on their premises illegally without a cold store licence.

3 In July 2019, officers from the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) found that Yuan Yong Fong Seafood Pte Ltd had been operating a cold store without a valid license and sold meat and seafood products which were illegally stored at the unlicensed cold store. A total of about 970 kg of frozen meat and seafood products was found in the cold store. All of the products were seized.

4 Illegal storage of meat/seafood at unlicensed facilities pose food safety risks. In Singapore, all meat and/or seafood storage facilities must be licensed, and are required to meet SFA's requirements and food safety standards. These licensed premises are routinely inspected by SFA. Offenders who illegally store meat and/or seafood products shall be liable on conviction to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year.

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