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Sim Ee Jiun, licensee of Chop Weng Hoi, fined \$5,800 for illegal import of fresh and processed produce

Sim Ee Jiun, the licensee of Chop Weng Hoi, was fined \$5,800 by the Court today for illegally importing fresh and processed produce.

2 On 30 March 2022, Singapore Food Agency (SFA) officers found that Sim illegally imported approximately 110kg of undeclared and under-declared fresh fruits and vegetables, and approximately 496kg of undeclared minimally processed vegetables from Malaysia. All the illegal consignments were seized.

3 In Singapore, food imports must meet SFA's requirements. Fruits and vegetables can only be imported by licensed importers, and every consignment must be declared and accompanied with a valid import permit. Illegally imported vegetables are of unknown sources and can pose a food safety risk (e.g. if unregulated or high level of pesticides are used). The long-term ingestion of excessive pesticide residues through the consumption of vegetables that have been subjected to pesticide abuse could lead to adverse health effects.



Some of the illegally imported produce include lemon, leek, and cut brinjal (Photo: SFA)

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4 Offenders who illegally import fresh fruits and vegetables shall be liable on conviction to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years. Offenders who illegally import processed produce shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and in the case of a subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$2,000.

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