

Sole proprietor of Polymath Wholesales Trading fined \$8,000 for illegal import of meat products

Lim Guozhi Benjamin, sole proprietor of Polymath Wholesales Trading, was fined \$8,000 by the Court today for the illegal import of meat products from Thailand.

2 In May 2023, officers from the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) conducted a check on a refrigerated container vehicle along Mandai Link Road. The officers found about 6.3 tonnes of meat products, such as chicken, duck, and mutton products, that were imported by Polymath Wholesales Trading without a valid import permit. The products were seized by SFA.



In May 2023, about 6.3 tonnes of illegal meat products were seized from a refrigerated container along Mandai Link Road. (Photo: SFA)

3 In Singapore, food imports must meet SFA's requirements. Illegally imported food products of unknown sources can pose a food safety risk. Food can only be imported by licensed importers, and every consignment must be declared and accompanied with a valid import permit. In addition, meat and its products can only be imported from accredited sources in approved countries that comply with our food safety standards and requirements.

4 Offenders who import meat products illegally from unapproved sources without a valid permit shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both and, in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both.

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