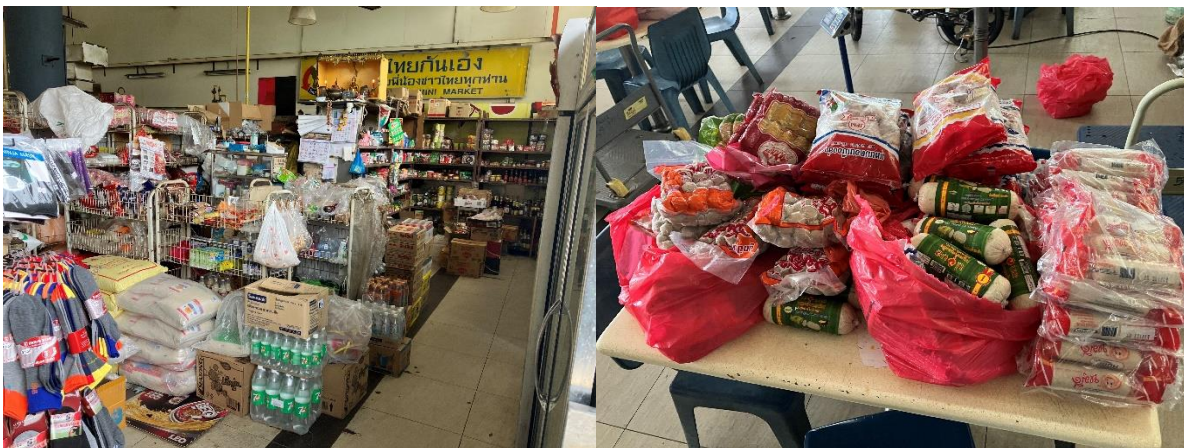


Sole proprietor of Thai Khaneng Coffeeshop fined \$8,000 for illegal operation of supermarket and illegal import of meat

Keadkiaw Pensri, sole proprietor of Thai Khaneng Coffeeshop, was fined \$8,000 by the Court today for illegally operating a supermarket within its premises and selling meat products illegally imported into Singapore.

2 On 12 July 2023, Singapore Food Agency (SFA) officers found about 148kg of meat products within the premises of Thai Khaneng Coffeshop, at 1 Woodlands Industrial Park E2. The officers found meat products, such as meat balls and sausages, which were illegally imported from Thailand without a valid import licence. The products were seized by SFA. The officers also discovered that the supermarket operating within the coffeeshop has no valid SFA supermarket licence.



Left: Illegal operation of supermarket

Right: Illegally imported meat products seized by SFA (Photos: 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 without a valid licence shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction, offenders shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years.

5 All food establishments in Singapore including supermarkets must be licensed to operate. Every licensee shall use the licensed premises only for the purpose for which the licence is granted. Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with the licence granted shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$100 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continues after conviction.

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