

Thai restaurant under investigation for selling pig blood curd

The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) is investigating a Thai restaurant at Golden Mile Tower for the illegal sale, and possession for sale of animal blood curd.

2 On 14 May 2021, SFA, acting on information received, conducted an operation at the restaurant. The operation uncovered the restaurant selling a dish containing pig blood curd. Unsold pre-packed pig blood curd was also seized during the operation.



Pre-packed pig blood curd were seized (Photos: SFA)

3 Animal blood food products, such as pig's blood, are prohibited in Singapore as blood can easily support the growth of bacteria and harbour diseases. Unhygienic harvesting of blood can also result in the introduction of food borne pathogens into blood food products.

4 Illegally imported food products are of unknown sources and can pose a food safety risk. In Singapore, food imports must meet SFA's requirements. Food can only be imported by licensed importers, and every consignment must be declared and accompanied with a valid import permit.

5 Members of the public who come across the sale of illegal food products in food establishments are advised not to patronise such outlets and provide feedback via our online feedback form (www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback) or to call our SFA Contact Centre at 6805 2871 with details for our follow-up investigations.

6 Any person who is found guilty of illegally importing and selling pig blood products is liable to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and/or two years' jail term or to both for the first conviction. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction, he/she is liable to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or to both.

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