



Tian Cai Import & Export Pte Ltd and its Director fined \$11,000 and \$8,000 respectively for illegal import of food products

Tian Cai Import & Export Pte Ltd, an importer of food products, was fined \$11,000 by the Court today for illegally importing assorted processed food products. Its sole director, Ding Changdeng, was also fined \$8,000 for failing to exercise due diligence to prevent the offence from being committed.

2 On 3 August 2020, officers from Singapore Food Agency (SFA) detected approximately 5000kg of processed vegetables and 450kg of chicken seasoning powder with meat content in the consignments imported from China, by Tian Cai Import and Export Pte Ltd. The illegal consignments were seized.



Image: Illegal consignments seized by SFA
(Photo: SFA)



3 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. Illegally imported food products are of unknown sources and poses food safety risk. In addition, meat and its products, can only be imported from accredited sources in approved countries that comply with Singapore's food safety standards and requirements.

4 Offenders who illegally import processed food 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. Offenders who import meat products illegally from unapproved sources are also liable to a fine of \$50,000 and/or imprisonment of up to two years and, in the case of a subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 and/or to imprisonment of up to three years.

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