

Uncle's Otah Foodstuff Pte Ltd and its Director fined \$30,000 respectively for multiple food safety lapses committed under the Wholesome Meat and Fish Act 1999

Uncle's Otah Foodstuff Pte Ltd, which supplies otah products, was fined \$30,000 by the court today for multiple food safety lapses committed under the Wholesome Meat and Fish Act 1999. Its Director, Hu Zhonglai Jason, was also fined \$30,000 for failing to exercise due diligence to prevent the offence from being committed.

2 On 21 September 2022, Singapore Food Agency (SFA) officers conducted an inspection at Uncle's Otah Foodstuff, a food manufacturing establishment located at 3017 Bedok North Street 5, #02-07, Gourmet East Kitchen, Singapore 486121. During the inspection, the premises was found to be poorly maintained, with wet and dirty floor, badly stained air curtains, dislodged false ceiling board as well as broken dirty floor tiles and dirty walls at multiple areas.



*SFA officers observed poor cleanliness and maintenance of premises during the inspection.
(Photos: SFA)*

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3 In the interest of public health, SFA suspended the food business operation of Uncle's Otah Foodstuff Pte Ltd from 21 September 2022 to 4 October 2022, and directed Uncle's Otah Foodstuff Pte Ltd to rectify the lapses and take necessary measures to improve the food safety practices and the cleanliness of its premises.

4 Food safety is a joint responsibility as food can be contaminated anywhere along the food chain. While SFA continues to be vigilant and works to ensure regulatory measures are in place and properly enforced, the industry and consumers must also play their part.

5 All food operators should ensure that their premises are clean and well-maintained, and staff are adequately trained on proper food safety management. SFA will take enforcement action against food operators who do not adhere to regulations or comply with food hygiene and food safety requirements. Offenders are liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.

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