

Woman fined for illegal import of dried frogs

20 December 2017: 39-year-old Junsricha Kanokporn, was fined \$10,000 in court today for illegal import of dried frogs under the Wholesome Meat and Fish Products Act. In [August 2017](#), Kanokporn was separately fined \$10,000 by the court for two charges (\$5,000 per charge) – a) illegal import of meat products under the Wholesome Meat and Fish Products Act and b) illegal import of fresh duck eggs under the Animals and Birds Act. The imports were from Thailand.

2 On 9 December 2017, the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) officers alerted the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) to the detection of illegal food products in a Thai-registered truck at Woodlands Checkpoint. A total of 10kg of dried frogs were found in the truck.



Caption: 10kg of illegally imported dried frogs were detected and seized (Photo: AVA).

3 AVA's investigations found that Kanokporn had illegally imported the dried frogs from Thailand for sale in Singapore. The products were seized and will be destroyed.

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4 In Singapore, the import of food is regulated for food safety and animal health reasons. Meat and meat products, including frog meat, can only be imported from accredited sources in approved countries that comply with our food safety standards and requirements.

5 Illegally imported food products from unknown sources pose a food safety risk. Any person who illegally imports food from unapproved sources is liable to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and/or 2 years jail term or to both for first conviction, and in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both.

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