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Pai Choi Siang, owner of Kim Soon Seng Trading, fined \$18,000 for multiple hygiene lapses

Pai Choi Siang, the owner of Kim Soon Seng Trading, a meat processing establishment, was fined a total of \$18,000 by the Court today for multiple hygiene-related offences under the Wholesome Meat and Fish Act.

2 On 31 March 2022, during inspections of their premises in Woodlands Loop, Singapore Food Agency (SFA) officers detected several repeated hygiene lapses, which demonstrated a clear disregard for food safety, despite enforcement actions taken by SFA previously. These repeated lapses include the failure to keep the wall of the premises and the floor of the freezer in a clean and hygienic condition at all times, and the failure to use effective means to exclude vermin from entry and harbouring in the premises.



Hygiene lapses detected include the presence of vermin and poor cleanliness of the switches at the premises (Photo: SFA)

3 In the interest of public health, SFA directed the licensee to rectify the lapses and take necessary measures to improve the food safety practices and the cleanliness of its premises.

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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 that regulatory measures are in place and properly enforced, the industry and consumers must also play their part.

5 All food establishments should ensure that their premises are clean and well-maintained, as well as adhere to proper food hygiene and food safety requirements. SFA will take enforcement action against operators of meat processing establishments 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.

6 Members of the public who come across poor hygiene practices in food establishments are advised not to patronise them, and instead provide feedback via our online feedback form (www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback) with details for our follow-up investigations.

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