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Suspension of Mum's Kitchen Catering Pte Ltd and Cherish Delights Pte Ltd lifted after meeting required standards

The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) has lifted the suspension of Mum's Kitchen Catering Pte Ltd and its subsidiary company, Cherish Delights Pte Ltd¹ today. As the licensees have implemented the required measures as stipulated by SFA, operations can be resumed.

2 The operating licences of Mum's Kitchen Catering and Cherish Delights were suspended by SFA on 10 and 11 September respectively after the Ministry of Health (MOH) and SFA were notified of two separate outbreaks of gastroenteritis illness involving a total of 40 cases who consumed food from Mum's Kitchen Catering and Cherish Delights between 31 August and 4 September 2019. Three of the cases were hospitalised and have since been discharged. To protect consumers from further public health risks, the operating licences of Mum's Kitchen Catering and Cherish Delights were suspended by SFA on 10 and 11 September respectively.

3 No hygiene lapses were observed during inspections of both premises following the outbreaks. Investigation into the cause of the gastroenteritis illness is ongoing.

Measures Taken by Mum's Kitchen Catering Pte Ltd and Cherish Delights Pte Ltd

4 During the suspension period, Mum's Kitchen Catering and Cherish Delights have complied with measures stipulated by SFA.

¹ Located at 3015 Bedok North Street 5, #02-06 and #02-08 respectively, Shimei East Kitchen, Singapore 486350.

5 The licensees have disposed all ready-to-eat food, thawed food and perishable food items, and also cleaned and sanitised their premises, including their equipment and utensils. They have also submitted their plans on enhanced food safety regimes, including plans and processes to ensure that their staff practise good food hygiene and proper food preparation at all times.

6 Food handlers who will be involved in food preparation have since re-attended and passed the Basic Food Hygiene course. The Food Hygiene Officers² for Mum's Kitchen Catering Pte Ltd and Cherish Delights Pte Ltd have also undergone retraining and passed the WSQ Conduct Food and Beverage Hygiene Audit course.

Continuing Surveillance

7 Following the lifting of their suspension, SFA will continue to place Mum's Kitchen Catering Pte Ltd and Cherish Delights Pte Ltd under close surveillance to ensure that they adhere to their submitted plans.

Public Advisory

8 Members of the public are advised to seek medical attention early if they experience any gastroenteritis symptoms (i.e., diarrhoea, vomiting, fever or abdominal pain).

² Under the enhanced Food Hygiene Officer (FHO) scheme announced in December 2018, if the licence of a food establishment is suspended, all its Food Hygiene Officers are required to re-attend the WSQ Conduct Food and Beverage Hygiene Audit course, and the premises must have a trained FHO before it resumes operations.

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9 To prevent the spread of disease and protect oneself from acquiring infections, individuals should practise good personal hygiene at all times. These include:

- Washing hands with soap and water before eating and after going to the toilet;
- Covering mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and throwing the tissue away into a bin immediately; and
- Not sharing food/drinks, eating utensils, toothbrushes or towels with others.

10 For feedback on any hygiene lapses, the public may contact SFA at 6805 2871.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SINGAPORE FOOD AGENCY

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