

Prohibition of the distribution and sale of food prepared by The Peachy Sugarmaker Pte Ltd lifted after meeting required standards

The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) has lifted the prohibition for distribution and sale of food prepared by The Peachy Sugarmaker Pte Ltd today. As the home-based food business (HBFB) has implemented the required measures as stipulated by SFA, operations can be resumed.

2 The Ministry of Health (MOH) and SFA received reports of gastroenteritis involving 47 persons after consuming food prepared by The Peachy Sugarmaker Pte Ltd between 5 and 9 August 2021. 12 cases were hospitalised and have since been discharged. To protect consumers from further public health risks, SFA had prohibited the distribution and sale of food prepared by The Peachy Sugarmaker Pte Ltd from 13 August to 28 September 2021.

Measures Taken by The Peachy Sugarmaker Pte Ltd

3 During the suspension period, The Peachy Sugarmaker Pte Ltd has complied with measures stipulated by SFA. The HBFB has disposed all ready-to-eat food, thawed food and perishable food items, and also cleaned and sanitised their premises, including replacing their equipment and utensils. The operator of The Peachy Sugarmaker Pte Ltd has since attended and passed the Food Safety Course Level 1.

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4 Food safety is a joint responsibility. SFA would like to remind food operators, including HBFBs, to observe good food and personal hygiene practices at all times. Those who handle and prepare food at HBFBs are also encouraged to attend Food Safety Course Level 1. Consumers are also encouraged to exercise discretion when purchasing from home-based food businesses. SFA will not hesitate to take firm action

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against anyone found to be in violation of the Sale of Food Act and/or the Environmental Public Health Act.

5 To prevent the spread of disease and protect oneself from acquiring infections, individuals should also 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.

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