

Director of Ed's Frozen Enterprise sentenced to 3 weeks imprisonment for illegally operating an unlicensed cold store

Director Tan Poh Gwee trading as Ed's Frozen Enterprise, a licensed importer, was sentenced to 3 weeks imprisonment by the court today for illegally operating an unlicensed cold store to store meat and seafood products for the purpose of selling.

2 On 4 August 2021, officers from the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) found that Ed's Frozen Enterprise had been storing over 19,000kg of meat and seafood products in an unlicensed cold store. The products were seized by SFA. In addition, during the inspection, live cockroaches were found in the refrigerated compartment of the delivery vehicle. The refrigerated compartment was also found to be faulty.



Illegal cold store with various meat and seafood products detected. (Photo: SFA)

3 Illegal storage of meat and seafood at unlicensed facilities pose a food safety risk. Under the Sale of Food Act and the Wholesome Meat and Fish Act, cold stores for meat and seafood products can only be operated with a valid licence. SFA routinely inspects these licensed premises to ensure compliance.

4 Offenders found to be possessing any meat or seafood products which has been kept in unlicensed cold stores for the purpose of selling or supplying shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years, and in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years.

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