

Woman fined \$8,000 for the possession and sale of illegally imported pig blood curd

Yuan Yifan was fined \$8,000 by the Court today for the possession and sale of illegally imported pig blood curd.

2 On 21 Jan 2021, the Singapore Food Agency (SFA), conducted an operation and seized approximately 30kg of pig blood curd from Yuan's residential unit. Our investigation revealed that Yuan had been selling pig blood products online.

3 Animal blood food products, such as pig blood, can easily support the growth of bacteria and harbour diseases. Unhygienic harvesting of blood can also result in the introduction of food borne pathogens into blood food products. Illegally imported food products are of unknown sources and can pose a food safety risk. In Singapore, food imports must meet SFA's requirements. Food can only be imported by licensed importers, and every consignment must be declared and accompanied with a valid import permit.



Image: Illegal consignments seized by SFA (Photo: SFA)

4 Members of the public who come across the sale of illegal food products online are advised not to patronize such platforms and provide feedback via our online feedback form (www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback) or to call our SFA Contact Centre at 6805 2871 with details for our follow-up investigations.

5 Any person who is found guilty of illegally importing and selling pig blood products 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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