

H&Z Mart Pte Ltd and its Director fined \$10,000 and \$10,000 respectively for illegal operation of unlicensed cold store

H&Z Mart Pte Ltd, an online retailer, was fined \$10,000 by the Court today for the operation of unlicensed cold store. Its sole director, Ross Lee Jun Jie, was also fined \$10,000 for failing to exercise due diligence to prevent the offence from being committed.

2 In November 2020, officers from the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) found that H&Z Mart Pte Ltd had been storing approximately 2630kg of meat and seafood products (e.g. pork, beef, fish, prawn) in several unlicensed cold rooms. The products were seized by SFA.



Meat and seafood products stored in unlicensed cold store by H&Z Mart Pte Ltd
(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. These licenced premises are routinely inspected by SFA.

4 If found to be possessing any meat or seafood products which has been kept in unlicensed cold stores for the purpose of selling or supplying, offenders 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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