

AUREO ASIA PTE LTD FINED \$6,000 FOR IMPORTING AND POSSESSING MEAT PRODUCTS FOR SALE WITHOUT VALID PERMIT.

Aureo Asia Pte Ltd was fined \$6,000 by the Court today for importing and possessing meat products for sale without a valid permit.

2 During an inspection by Singapore Food Agency (SFA) officers in March 2022, the online retailer was found with 46kg of meat products without a valid permit at its premises at 35 Tannery Road #06-01.

3 Further investigations revealed that Aureo Asia Pte Ltd had imported approximately 180kg of the assorted meat products from Taiwan, such as beef and chilli pork-flavoured instant noodles, without a valid import permit.



Meat products found and seized by SFA (Photo: SFA)

4 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. Illegally imported food products of unknown sources can pose a food safety risk to consumers. Meat and their products can only be imported from accredited sources in approved countries that comply with Singapore's food safety standards and requirements.

5 Offenders who import meat products illegally from unapproved sources are liable to a fine of \$50,000 and/or imprisonment of up to two years and, in the case of a subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 and/or to imprisonment of up to three years.

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