

Importer fined \$28,000 for illegal import of food products

An importer, Sigma Food Pte. Ltd. was fined a total of \$28,000 by the Court today for illegally bringing in 612.5 kg of frozen oyster meat and 90 kg of salted duck egg yolk from Malaysia.

2. Based on information received, officers from Singapore Food Agency (SFA) found 42 cartons of undeclared frozen oyster meat during an inspection at Sigma Food Pte. Ltd.'s cold store in December 2019. Another 8 kg of frozen oyster meat was found at its retail shop. The illegal consignments were seized.

3. During our investigation, we found that Sigma Food Pte. Ltd. had brought in a total of four shipments of undeclared frozen oyster meat from Malaysia from October to November 2019. It also imported 90 kg of frozen salted duck egg yolk from Malaysia for sale without a valid licence.



42 cartons of undeclared frozen oyster meat were found in the cold store (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 are of unknown sources and poses food safety risk. Eggs and their products can only be imported from accredited sources in approved countries that comply with our food safety standards and requirements.

5 Offenders who illegally import seafood products shall be liable on conviction to a maximum fine of \$50,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years. Offenders who illegally import egg products shall be liable on conviction to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months.

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