

Importer fined \$7,500 for illegal import of fresh vegetables

Gold Horse Enterprise Pte Ltd was fined \$7,500 by the Court today for importing fresh vegetables that did not conform with requirements in the import permit.

2 In March 2019, officers from the former Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA)¹ detected 2,585kg of undeclared and under-declared fresh vegetables in the consignments of vegetables imported from Malaysia by Gold Horse Enterprise Pte Ltd. All of the illegal consignments were seized and destroyed.



A total of 2,585kg of undeclared and under-declared vegetables was detected. (Photo: SFA)

3 Illegally imported food products are of unknown sources and pose a food safety risk. In Singapore, food imports must meet Singapore Food Agency (SFA)'s requirements and food safety standards. Food can only be imported by licensed importers, and every consignment must be declared and accompanied with a valid import permit. Offenders who illegally import food shall be liable on conviction to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years.

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¹ The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) was formed as a new statutory board under the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources on 1 April 2019. The SFA brings together food-related functions carried out by the former Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority of Singapore, the National Environment Agency and the Health Sciences Authority.