

**Individuals fined \$12,000 for operating an unlicensed retail food establishment  
and for non-compliance with the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act**

Oh Jing Wen Joseph, Director of Bobertea Clementi Pte Ltd, was fined \$5,500 by the Court today for failure to comply with the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act. Kok Khen Foon Gabriel, Manager of Bobertea Clementi Pte Ltd, was fined \$6,500 for the same charge as well as for operating an unlicensed retail food establishment.

2 On 29 May 2020, officers from Singapore Food Agency (SFA) inspected the outlet at Blk 442 Clementi Avenue 3 and found that it had started operations even though an SFA licence has not been obtained. This was also during the circuit breaker period when non-essential businesses and standalone F&B businesses that sell only beverages, packaged snacks, confectionaries or desserts were required to close. All ingredients used for the preparation of bubble teas were seized and destroyed on the same day.

3. Further investigations found that Kok was taking online orders for bubble teas without the knowledge of Oh. He was also conducting staff training at the outlet, as instructed by Oh.



*Kok was conducting staff training at the outlet during the circuit breaker period (Photo: SFA)*

4 Under the Environmental Public Health Act in Singapore, no person shall operate a food establishment without a valid licence. Offenders shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 and, in the case where the person is a repeat offender, the person shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to both.

5 Between 7 April 2020 and 1 June 2020, circuit breaker measures were in force to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in Singapore. During this period, an individual should not leave his/her ordinary place of residence without reasonable excuse and gatherings of family and friends who do not live with each other were not allowed. Non-essential service providers were also not allowed to carry on businesses. Under the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020, first-time offenders will face a fine of up to S\$10,000, imprisonment of up to six months, or both. Subsequent offenders may face a fine of up to S\$20,000, imprisonment of up to twelve months, or both.

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