

Muanglot Radroop, licensee of Golden Banana House, fined \$7,500 for illegal import of fresh and processed produce

Muanglot Radroop, licensee of Golden Banana House, was fined \$7,500 by the Court today for illegally importing fresh and processed produce.

2 In October 2021, Singapore Food Agency (SFA) officers discovered that Radroop illegally imported over 900kg of undeclared and under-declared fresh fruits and vegetables and 65kg of undeclared processed food from Thailand. All the illegal consignments were seized.



Over 965kg of undeclared and under-declared fresh fruits, vegetables and undeclared processed food were seized. (Photos: SFA)

3 In Singapore, food imports must meet SFA's requirements. Fruits and vegetables can only be imported by licensed importers, and every consignment must be declared and accompanied with a valid import permit. Illegally imported vegetables are of unknown sources and can pose a food safety risk (e.g. if unregulated or high level of pesticides are used). The long-term ingestion of excessive pesticide residues through the consumption of vegetables that have been subjected to pesticide abuse could lead to adverse health effects.

4 Offenders who illegally import fresh fruits and vegetables shall be liable on conviction to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years. Offenders who illegally import processed produce shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and in the case of a subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$2,000.

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