

Rasel Catering Singapore Pte Ltd fined \$4,800 for multiple hygiene lapses

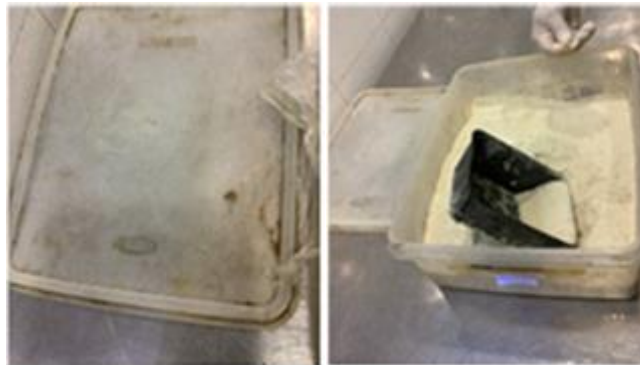
Rasel Catering Singapore Pte Ltd was fined \$4,800 by the Court today for multiple hygiene lapses under the Environmental Public Health (Food Hygiene) Regulations.

2 In Nov 2022, the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) received reports of gastroenteritis involving 345 persons after consuming food prepared by Rasel Catering Singapore Pte Ltd. MOH and SFA conducted a joint investigation at their premises and found several hygiene lapses, including cockroach infestations, usage of a dirty food container and the presence of pathogens in ready-to-eat food items.

3 In the interest of public health, SFA suspended their food business operations from 18 Nov 2022 to 29 Dec 2022, and directed the licensee to rectify the lapses and take necessary measures to improve the food safety practices and the cleanliness of its premises. SFA also adjusted the food shop's food hygiene grade from "A" to "C".



Live cockroaches were observed in the premises (Photo: SFA)



A dirty food container was found in the premises (Photo: SFA)

4 Food safety is a joint responsibility as food can be contaminated anywhere along the food chain. While SFA continues to be vigilant and works to ensure that regulatory measures are in place and properly enforced, the industry and consumers must also play their part.

5 All food establishments should ensure that their premises are clean and well-maintained, as well as adhere to proper food hygiene and food safety requirements. SFA will not hesitate to take firm action against anyone found to be in violation of the Environmental Public Health Act. Offenders are liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$100 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continues after conviction.

6 Members of the public who come across poor hygiene practices in food establishments are advised not to patronise them, and instead provide feedback via our online feedback form (www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback) with details for our follow-up investigations.

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