

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Unlicensed street hawker fined \$27,600, in default of 36 days imprisonment, for illegal hawking of roasted chestnuts**

Tan Hee Meng was fined \$27,600, in default of 36 days imprisonment, by the Court yesterday for illegal hawking of roasted chestnuts in public places.

2 From May 2019 to Mar 2023, Tan has committed a total of 19 counts of illegal hawking of food in various locations in Singapore. Despite numerous enforcement actions taken against Tan, he continued to engage in illegal hawking activities, demonstrating a clear disregard for the law.

3 Unregulated street hawking poses a risk to food safety. Food sold may be unsafe as the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) is unable to assure that they meet our food safety requirements. In addition, such vendors are transitory and cannot be traced if buyers face problems with their purchases. Through such modes of sales, these illegal street hawkers are in effect passing risks to the unsuspecting consumer to bear.

4 SFA will take enforcement action against illegal street hawkers. A repeat offender is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 and/or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months.

5 Members of the public who come across any illegal hawking of food are advised not to patronise them and make a report via our online feedback form ([www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback](http://www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback)) with details for our follow-up investigations.

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