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Company and director charged for multiple offences under the Wholesome Meat and Fish Act

In July 2019, officers from the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) inspected the premises of an online supermarket and found an assortment of frozen meat, fish and seafood products weighing more than 5 metric tons that were either unlabelled or appeared to have had their expiry dates mislabelled. The company is also alleged to have operated an unlicensed food processing room and had allegedly tampered with the unlicensed food processing room even after it had been sealed off by SFA enforcement officers.

2 The company and one of its directors were charged in court for multiple offences under the Wholesome Meat and Fish Act today:

- Failure to label frozen meat, fish and seafood products with expiry date
- Sale of frozen meat, fish and seafood products with tampered labels
- Operating of an unlicensed food processing room
- Hindering authorised officers in the execution of their duty by tampering with objects in the sealed unlicensed food processing room

Labelling requirements

3 Every packet of meat, fish and seafood product must be clearly marked and date labelled to ensure traceability. Any person found guilty shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.

4 Every packet of meat, fish and seafood product must also be labelled in the prescribed manner and must not be labelled with any information which is false, inaccurate or misleading. Any person found guilty shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both.

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Authorised use of premises

5 All SFA-licensed premises shall conduct activities within the licensed premises in accordance with the conditions of the licence. Any unauthorised use of the premises is prohibited unless prior approval is given by the SFA. Any person found guilty shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.

Tampering of evidence

6 Any person who tampers with an officially sealed objects or premises will be committing an offence by hindering the authorised officers in the execution of their duty. Any person found guilty shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.

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