

MEDIA RELEASE

Siong Hong Seafood Enterprise Pte Ltd fined \$20,000 for operating and storing meat and seafood products in an unlicensed cold store for sale

Siong Hong Seafood Enterprise Pte Ltd was fined \$20,000 by the Court today for operating an unlicensed cold store and for possessing meat and seafood products stored in the unlicensed cold store for the purpose of sale.

On 25 Aug 2021¹, officers from the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) found that Siong Hong Seafood Enterprise Pte Ltd had stored meat and seafood products in a premises without a valid cold store licence. The meat and seafood products were intended for sale to wet market stalls and food outlets. About 7200kg of meat and seafood products were seized by SFA.



Meat and seafood products stored in the unlicensed cold store by Siong Hong Seafood Enterprise Pte Ltd (Photo: SFA)

- 3 Illegal storage of meat and seafood at unlicensed facilities pose a food safety risk. Under the Sale of Food Act and the Wholesome Meat and Fish Act, cold stores for meat and seafood products can only be operated with a valid licence. These licensed premises are also routinely inspected by SFA.
- Offenders found to be possessing any meat or seafood products which has been kept in unlicensed cold stores for the purpose of selling or supplying shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years, and in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years.

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¹ Press release issued on 27 Aug 2021; "Suspension of sale and distribution of cockles, seafood and meat products from an unlicensed cockle processing premises and cold store in Woodlands"