

**Thida Jaroonsri fined \$10,500 for possessing and selling illegally imported meat products and operating a food establishment without a licence**

Thida Jaroonsri, a registered partner of Heng Dee Thai Minimart, was fined \$10,500 by the Court today for possessing and selling illegally imported meat and meat products and operating a food establishment without a licence.

2 On 12 July 2023, officers from Singapore Food Agency (SFA) conducted an inspection at Heng Dee Thai Mini Mart and found approximately 186kg of assorted meat and fish products that were on sale or stored for the purpose of sale in the minimart. The minimart did not have a valid food establishment license. Of these, approximately 160kg of the meat products found were illegally imported from unaccredited sources. All the meat and fish products were seized by SFA.



*Meat and fish items were found at the unlicensed minimart (Photo: SFA)*

3 In Singapore, meat and its products can only be imported from accredited sources in approved countries that comply with our food safety standards and requirements. Illegally imported food products from unknown and unapproved sources can pose a food safety risk. Offenders found in possession for the purpose of selling, meat and meat products that are illegally imported shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 and/or imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or to both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction, offender shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both.

4 All food establishments in Singapore must be licensed in order to operate. SFA will not hesitate to take enforcement action against food establishments that were found operating without a valid SFA licence at the point of inspection. Those who operate without a licence are liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction, the person shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to both.

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