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Two companies and their directors fined for food safety lapses

Two companies and their directors were fined in Court today for food safety lapses. Food processing establishment Hai's Roasted Meat Supplier Pte Ltd was fined \$30,000 for multiple food safety offences under the Wholesome Meat and Fish Act. Its director, Luo Lianghai, was fined \$7,500 for failing to prevent the offence from being committed. Licensed food importer Golden Ocean Seafood (S) Pte Ltd was fined \$25,000 for failing to arrange for inspection, examination, and certification by the Singapore Food Agency (SFA), as well as for selling the imported food consignments prior to inspections. Its director, Sakita Goichi, was also fined \$25,000 for failing to prevent the offence from being committed.

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2 During inspections of their premises in January, November, and December 2022, SFA officers observed several food safety lapses during their production. The lapses include cutting of roasted meat, packing of sauces, and storing meat outside the licensed premises. The floor of the chiller room and ceiling within the premises were also found dirty.



Left: Dirty ceiling observed during inspection Right: Roasted meat stored outside the premises (Photos: SFA)



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3 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 regulatory measures are in place and properly enforced, the industry and consumers must also play their part.

4 Food establishments should ensure their premises are clean and wellmaintained, as well as adhere to proper food hygiene and food safety requirements. SFA will take enforcement action against food operators who do not adhere to food safety regulations. Offenders are liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 and/or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months.

5 Members of the public who have concerns about food safety practices by food operators should report to SFA via the online feedback form (www.sfa.gov.sg/feedback) with details for our follow-up investigations.

<u>Golden Ocean Seafood (S) Pte Ltd and its director fined for failing to arrange for</u> <u>inspections and selling imported food consignments prior to inspection</u>

6 Golden Ocean Seafood (S) Pte Ltd had imported three live oyster consignments from France in December 2022, but failed to arrange for SFA to inspect, examine and certify the consignments before selling the products.

7 In Singapore, upon import of fish products, importers must arrange for these products to be inspected, examined, and certified by an authorised examiner before it is sold, distributed, or exported. Fish products found to be unfit for human consumption will be seized and disposed.



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8 Offenders who fail to arrange for their fish consignments to be inspected, examined, and certified by an authorised examiner before sale or distribution are liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 and/or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months. Offenders who had sold their fish consignments which had not been inspected are liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to both and, in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or to both.

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