

SFA fines \$28,000 for failing to arrange inspection of meat products

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The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) fined \$ 28,000 a food importer company Orca Marketing for failing to arrange inspection, examination and certification by SFA for food imports.

According to the SFA, Orca Marketing Pte Ltd had imported consignments of chilled whole lamb carcase and beef tenderloin in Jan 2021 and Jun 2021 respectively. On both occasions, the company failed to arrange for SFA to inspect, examine and certify the consignments and proceeded to sell the products.

For failing to arrange for SFA to do the proper checks, the company was fined \$15,000, while its director Christopher John Moore was fined \$13,000 for failing to prevent the offence from being committed.

In Singapore, upon import of meat and 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. Meat or fish products which are found to be

unfit for human consumption will be seized and disposed of.

Those found guilty of failing to arrange for the required checks for products before they are sold can be jailed for up to 12 months, fined up to \$10,000, or both.