

Bringing Prohibited Food Items into Singapore

The Embassy would like to remind the Filipino Community in Singapore to strictly abide by the rules of the city-state on bringing food products into Singapore.

It has come to the Embassy's attention that in a recent case involving smuggling of a substantial number of balut eggs, a Filipino national, who was one of the buyers, was fined for abetting the offence.

We would like to inform the Filipino Community that for health and food safety reasons, importation of food products is regulated by the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA).

A penalty of S\$50,000 and/or imprisonment of up to two years await those who violate the law.

We encourage our *kababayans*, whether they are workers, residents or travellers, to strictly observe the law.

Guidance on the kind of food and food products allowed, their sources and maximum quantity can be found in the AVA website (<http://www.ava.gov.sg/explore-by-sections/food/bringing-food-into-singapore-and-exporting/general-classification-of-food-food-products>).

Thank you.

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