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JOINT NEWS RELEASE**

**Man jailed for illegal import of birds and animal cruelty**

25-year-old Loly Herianto Tampubolon was sentenced to six weeks' jail by the court today for illegal import of birds. He was also sentenced to six weeks of jail for causing unnecessary suffering to the birds. Both sentences will run concurrently.

2 On 23 July 2018, Loly was stopped by officers from the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) at Singapore Cruise Centre in Harbourfront for security checks. During which, the officers found two magpie-robins concealed inside Loly's bag.



Caption: Two magpie-robins were smuggled in a bag (Source: ICA)

3 Loly did not have an import licence issued by the Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA) for the import of the birds. AVA found that the manner of transportation

was unsuitable and had caused unnecessary suffering to the birds. The birds were seized and placed under the care of Jurong Bird Park.



Caption: Close up of one of the smuggled magpie-robins that AVA seized (Source: AVA)

### **Public advisory**

4 Animals that are smuggled into Singapore are of unknown health status and may introduce exotic diseases, such as bird flu, into the country. Smuggling animals and birds into Singapore is an offence that is liable, on conviction, to a fine of up to S\$10,000, or imprisonment of up to 12 months or to both.

5 Our borders are our first line of defence in safeguarding Singapore's security. ICA will continue to conduct security checks on passengers and vehicles at the checkpoints to prevent attempts to smuggle in undesirable persons, drugs, weapons, explosives and other contrabands. AVA would like to remind travellers against the illegal import of live animals, birds and insects into Singapore to safeguard public and animal health. The public can refer to AVA's [website](#) or download AVA's mobile app, SG TravelKaki (available free-of-charge from [iTunes](#) and the [Google Play store](#)), for more information on bringing back animals from overseas travels.

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