

FAST Advisory

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Re: FAST advises FDWs against engaging in side business

FAST is concerned with the report that Foreign Domestic Workers (FDWs) were engaged in questionable economic activities at shopping malls to earn extra income for themselves (Straits Time report dated 18/06/2019 entitled “Maids’ Sunday side business on weekends against the law”). Such activities will jeopardise FDWs employment here in Singapore.

FAST would like to strongly urge our FDW members to refrain from doing such side business. Such activities are not allowed under the work permit conditions. The consequences of contravening your Work Permit conditions include among other penalties, being heavily fined, jailed and even expatriated as well as being blacklisted. It is really not worth to put your employment status on the line by participating in such dubious activities.

We also like to highlight that it is an offense and wrong to sell cosmetics from unknown origin, and unregistered health supplements and birth-control products that may harm the users.

All FDWs are advised to call our hotline at 1-800-339-4357 if you have any queries relating to this advice.

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