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HSA SEIZES MORE THAN \$200,000 WORTH OF E-VAPORISERS IN TWO CASES

On 28 February and 1 March 2025, the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) successfully seized more than \$200,000 worth of e-vaporisers that were meant for sale in Singapore. The seizures prevented these prohibited items from entering the local market and causing harm.

2 On 28 February 2025, HSA acted swiftly to investigate a shipment of e-vaporisers that was discovered at a warehouse in Sungei Kadut. The consignment comprised 25 cartons containing around 5,000 e-vaporisers valued at approximately \$110,000.

3 HSA mounted an operation on the same day and caught two men, aged 32 and 31, who came to collect the e-vaporisers. They are currently assisting with investigations.

4 On 1 March 2025, Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) officers at Tuas Checkpoint directed a lorry entering Singapore for enhanced checks. During the checks, officers uncovered around 4,800 e-vaporisers hidden among the cargo consignment in the lorry. The e-vaporisers had an estimated value of \$105,000. The case was referred to HSA and the male driver of the lorry, aged 24, is assisting HSA with investigations.

5 These successful detections demonstrate the Government's commitment to combat the illegal import and distribution of prohibited e-vaporisers and the strong partnerships by multiple government agencies to enable a strict stance against these harmful products. Please refer to the Annex for photos of the seized items.

Penalties for such offences in Singapore

6 HSA warns transport companies and drivers against bringing in prohibited tobacco products into Singapore. Those who import these illegal products are liable to be prosecuted.

7 HSA would like to remind the public and tobacco retailers that it is an offence under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act to import, distribute, sell or offer for sale e-vaporisers and their components. Any person convicted of an offence is liable to a fine of up to \$10,000, or imprisonment of up to six months or both for the first offence, and a fine of up to \$20,000, or imprisonment of up to 12 months or both for the second or subsequent offence.

8 Members of the public who have information on the illegal promotion, import, distribution, sale or offer for sale of any e-vaporisers can contact HSA's Tobacco Regulation Branch at Tel: 6684 2036 or 6684 2037 during office hours (9:00am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday).

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ANNEX

**HSA SEIZES MORE THAN \$200,000 WORTH OF E-VAPORISERS
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E-vaporisers seized on 28 February 2025



E-vaporisers seized on 1 March 2025



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