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HSA SUSPENDS LICENCE OF A RETAILER FOR REPEATEDLY SELLING TOBACCO PRODUCT TO THE UNDERAGED

The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) has suspended the licence of a tobacco retailer, M/s Daily Sundry Mini Shop, at Block 413 Bukit Batok West Avenue 4 #01-212 for six months from 1 September 2004 to 28 February 2005.

2 The licensee, Mr Lee Yiang Cheng, was convicted in court and fined \$2,000 on 5 August 2004 for selling tobacco product to a 16-year-old male on 2 April 2004. He was previously compounded \$1,000 for a similar offence committed on 14 January 2002.

3 It is an offence under the Smoking (Control of Advertisements and Sale of Tobacco) Act to sell tobacco products to persons below the age of 18 years. The offence is punishable with a maximum fine of up to \$5,000 for the first conviction and up to \$10,000 for the second and subsequent conviction. Repeat offenders are also liable to have their licences suspended.

4 HSA takes a very serious view of smoking by underaged youths and consequently, the sale of tobacco products to them. HSA will continue to enforce this prohibition stringently so as to discourage and prevent the illegal sale of tobacco products to underaged youths.

5 Members of the public who have information on the illegal sale of tobacco products are encouraged to call the hotline of the Tobacco Regulation Unit of HSA at Tel: 6325.5613 / 6325.5463 (before 6 September 2004) and Tel: 6866.3495 / 6866.3496 (from 6 September 2004 onwards) during office hours.

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