

FOR IMMEDIATE REPORTING

**MOH AND HSA CONTINUE TO INTENSIFY ENFORCEMENT
ON E-VAPORISER OFFENCES**

The Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) continued to step up enforcement actions against e-vaporiser offences in Singapore. From 1 April to 30 June 2025, enforcement efforts saw a substantial rise in numbers caught and prosecuted on all fronts.

2. In this period, due to the step-up in enforcement, more than 3,700 persons were caught and fined for the possession or use of e-vaporisers, an increase of almost 20% compared to the previous quarter, where more than 3,100 persons were caught.

Enforcement Targeting Online Content and Vaping in Public

3. From 1 April to 30 June 2025, HSA identified and issued fines to eight persons who posted photos or videos of themselves with e-vaporisers in their social media posts. These offenders have since removed the content (refer to Annex A for details).

4. In one of the cases, HSA raided the homes of two 18-year-old boys on 4 June after acting on a tip-off of a video posted on social media where they were seen vaping in a bicycle shop located at Kallang. HSA visited the bicycle shop on the same day and caught another two men, aged 17 and 29 years, vaping. All four were fined on the spot.

5. HSA also worked with e-commerce and social media platforms to remove more than 2,000 online listings of e-vaporisers and related components from 1 April to 30 June 2025, a fivefold increase from the 408 listings removed in the previous quarter.

Enforcement at Checkpoints

6. Between April and June 2025, ICA's intensified targeting and profiling efforts at the air, land, and sea checkpoints, alongside joint operations with HSA, led to the detection of 19 large-scale smuggling cases and the seizure of around 90,000 e-vaporisers and related products.

7. The authorities maintain a strict stance against travellers attempting to bring prohibited tobacco products into Singapore, with penalties including fines for offenders and possible prosecution for transport companies and drivers involved in importation. Foreigners convicted of offences in Singapore will be deported after serving their sentences and barred from re-entering Singapore.

Prosecution of Offenders

8. From 1 April to 30 June 2025, HSA prosecuted 12 persons, comprising eight males and four females aged 17 to 46 for selling e-vaporisers, with sentences ranging from probation to fines and imprisonment (refer to Annex B for details). In a recent case, on 11 July 2025, HSA acted swiftly on public feedback and caught a 21-year-old man who was allegedly distributing e-vaporisers and components in Bishan and Ubi. HSA officers conducted raids at these locations and seized almost three tonnes of e-vaporisers. He was charged in court on 14 July 2025 and the case was adjourned to 11 September 2025.

9. Additionally, HSA prosecuted 31 offenders comprising both males and females aged 19 to 64 years who failed to pay their composition fines, an increase from the 21 offenders prosecuted in the previous quarter. Offenders who failed to make timely payment of fines for vaping offences faced harsher consequences. They were penalised with higher fines and/or jail sentences (refer to Annex C for details).

Enforcement Targeting E-vaporisers with Etomidate

10. This year, as of 12 August 2025, 29 cases related to etomidate e-vaporiser have been detected. Nine cases are related to import and/or sale, while the rest related to illegal use.

11. Five persons have been charged or are facing charges in court for import and/or sale of e-vaporisers containing etomidate. Of these, one case involved a 41-year-old man who was charged on 17 July 2025 under the Poisons Act for manufacturing e-vaporiser pods containing etomidate in his home with the intent to sell them. The other four cases involved men aged 19 to 55 years. The other cases are under investigation, with some undergoing prosecution.

12. HSA will continue to work closely with agencies, such as SPF, Central Narcotics Bureau, ICA, the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF), National Parks Board and National Environment Agency to take stern enforcement actions against those who import, sell, distribute, possess, use or purchase e-vaporisers, particularly those laced with etomidate, under the appropriate legislations.

Penalties for E-vaporiser-related Offences in Singapore

13. Under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act, the possession, use or purchase of e-vaporisers carries a maximum fine of \$2,000. It is also an offence 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. All prohibited tobacco items will be seized and confiscated. HSA would like to remind those caught vaping to promptly pay their fines (Notice of Composition). Those who fail to do so before the due date of the Notices will face harsher consequences if prosecuted in Court.

14. Currently, persons found possessing pods containing etomidate are also liable upon conviction to a maximum penalty of imprisonment for up to 2 years and/or fine up to \$10,000 under the Poisons Act. The Ministry of Health is working with the Ministry

of Home Affairs to list etomidate as a Class C controlled drug under the Misuse of Drugs Act from 1 September 2025. This will enable tougher actions against suppliers and users of etomidate e-vaporisers, while MOH considers the necessary legislation amendments to deal with etomidate and other similar substances. Users can be subject to supervision and mandatory participation in a rehabilitation programme, or admitted to drug rehabilitation centres. Offenders can also be prosecuted and may face imprisonment or caning. HSA strongly warns those who are using e-vaporisers to stop use immediately.

15. Even as the government has intensified surveillance and enforcement measures against e-vaporisers, members of the public continue to play a crucial role in our fight against illegal e-vaporiser activities. Those who have information on the illegal advertisement, import, distribution, sale or possession of e-vaporisers can contact HSA to support our enforcement efforts through two convenient channels:

- Submit information through our online reporting form: www.go.gov.sg/reportvape or scan the QR code:



<https://go.gov.sg/reportvape>

- Call the Tobacco Regulation Branch at Tel: 6684 2036 or 6684 2037, operational daily, including weekends and public holidays, from 9am to 9pm

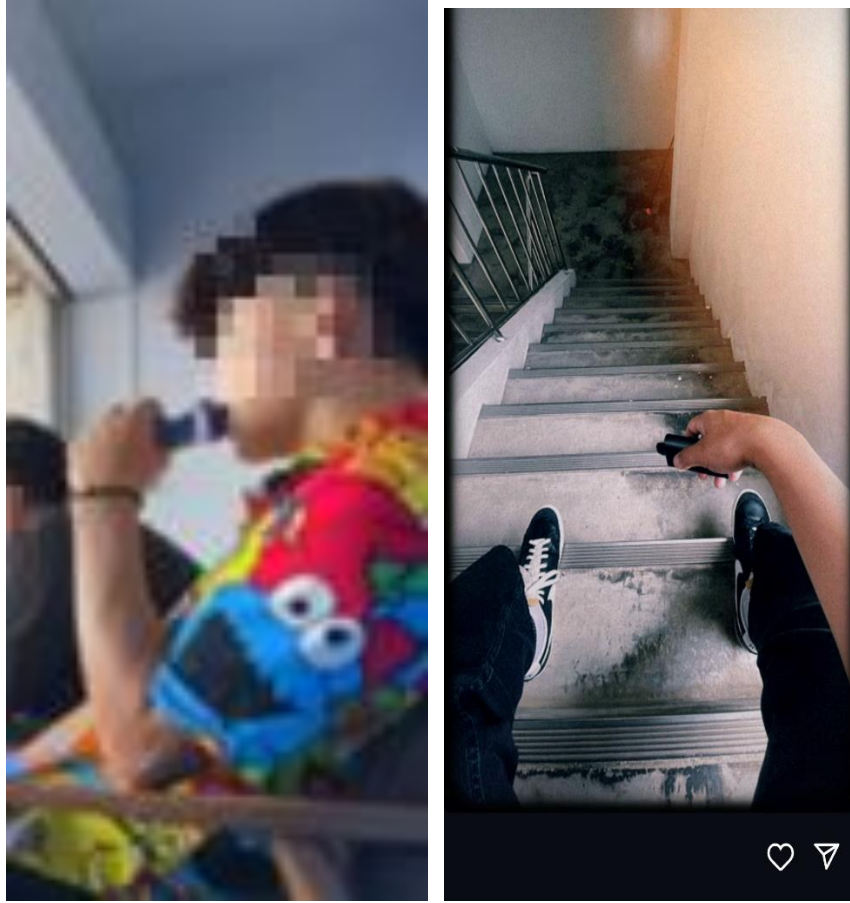
16. HSA has partnered with the People's Association to place e-vaporiser disposal bins across the island at 26 Community Clubs and one Resident's Network Centre for members of the public to voluntarily dispose of e-vaporisers safely, since 25 July. The public can visit go.gov.sg/bin-vapes to locate the nearest bin. Bins have also been progressively placed at other locations such as the Institutes of Higher Learning. Persons who come forward to bin their e-vaporiser or voluntarily seek support for quitting will not face any penalties for doing so.

17. Information pertaining to prohibited tobacco products in Singapore is available on the [HSA website](#). Persons who need help to quit vaping can join the [I Quit programme](#). Admissions of consumption of such products shared during HPB's cessation programmes will be kept confidential and will not be reported to other authorities.

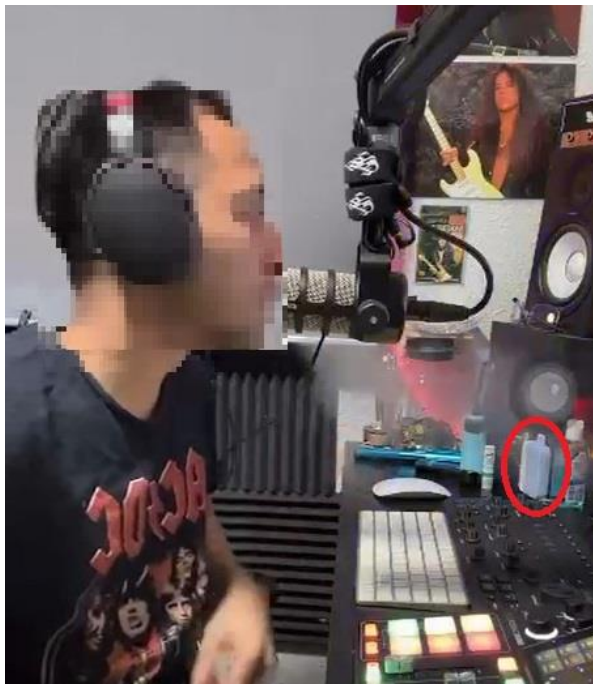
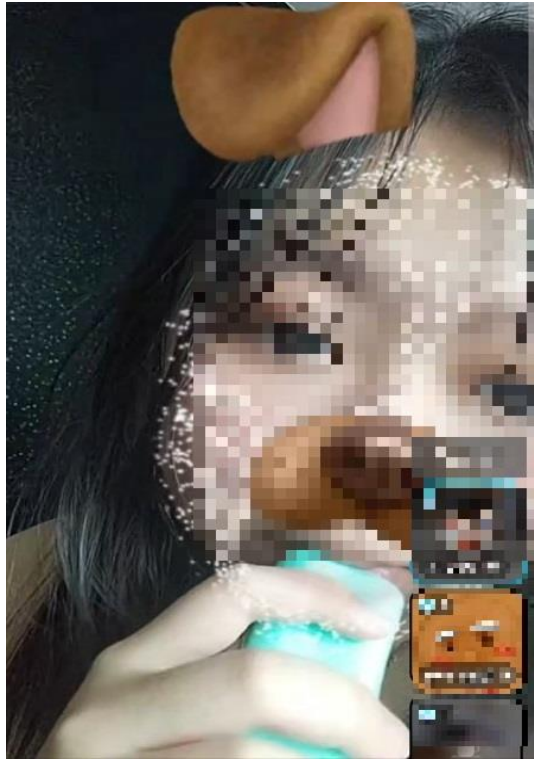
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Annex A

Screenshots of social media posts by offenders who were fined for posting videos and photographs with e-vaporisers from April to June 2025







Annex B

Offenders Prosecuted in Court for Selling E-vaporisers and Related Components from April to June 2025

S/N	Name of Offender	Date of Conviction	Court actions
1	Ryan Leong Chee Wai	28/4/2025	24 weeks' imprisonment and fine of \$4,000
2	Name redacted (under 18 years of age)	28/4/2025	Discharge not amounting to acquittal
3	Yan Naing Tun	29/4/2025	3 months' and 2 weeks' imprisonment and fine of \$2,000
4	Kin Nei Lhing	29/4/2025	3 months' and 3 weeks' imprisonment and fine of \$2,000
	Name redacted (under 18 years of age)	6/5/2025	12 months Supervised probation with the following conditions: To perform 50 hours of community service.
6	Benson Sito Peng Xin	19/5/2025	5 months' and 20 weeks' imprisonment
7	Renise Ng Ray Jia	20/5/2025	15 months split probation with the following conditions: To perform 50 hours of community service.
8	Eli Kustina	21/5/2025	Fine of \$4,500
9	Shahrukh Ali Bin Rustam Ali	26/5/2025	4 months' and 2 weeks' imprisonment and fine of \$10,000
10	Melvin Tan Junjie	20/6/2025	16 months' and 14 weeks' imprisonment and fine of \$11,000
11	Sarker Rifat	23/6/2025	31 months' and 12 weeks' imprisonment
12	Hua Kimberly	26/6/2025	Fine of \$8,100

Annex C

Offenders Prosecuted in Court from April to June 2025 for Failing to Settle their Notice of Composition

<u>S/N</u>	<u>Name of offender</u>	<u>Date of conviction</u>	<u>Court actions</u>
1	Mohammed Muhaimin Bin Mahmud	2 Apr 2025	Fine of \$900
2	Chan Poh Kiat	2 Apr 2025	2 days' imprisonment
3	Charlton Loy Hao Yin (Li Xiaoxian)	3 Apr 2025	2 days' imprisonment
4	Muhammad Subhan Bin Baharudeen	8 Apr 2025	1 day's imprisonment
5	Siti Fatimah Binte Abdullah	22 Apr 2025	2 days' imprisonment
6	Bassiron Bin Sidek	23 Apr 2025	3 days' imprisonment
7	Lucita Ngo	25 Apr 2025	1 day's imprisonment
8	Tan Swee Yong	5 May 2025	Fine of \$700
9	Muhammad Ridwan Bin Atan	5 May 2025	1 day's imprisonment
10	Raaga Deepan S/O Anbalahan	6 May 2025	2 days' imprisonment
11	Kalaiselvan Subramaniam	7 May 2025	4 days' imprisonment
12	Ramdan Bin Ahmad	7 May 2025	2 days' imprisonment
13	Syamsul Faadhil Bin Sujono	13 May 2025	1 day's imprisonment
14	Norlinah Binte Jafar	13 May 2025	2 days' imprisonment
15	Fadly Bin Abdul Wahab	14 May 2025	4 days' imprisonment
16	Muhammad Firdaus Bin Mohamad Abdul Basir	14 May 2025	2 days' imprisonment
17	Devindran Balan	14 May 2025	2 days' imprisonment
18	Pelnaree Low Suet Wan	22 May 2025	Fine of \$700
19	Alicia Mariah Binte Mohammad James Kelly	28 May 2025	3 days' imprisonment

20	Keith Wong Guo Jun	28 May 2025	3 days' imprisonment
21	Ponnusamy Bharathi Raja	29 May 2025	1 day's imprisonment
22	Mohamed Daro Dandiar Bin Jasman	4 Jun 2025	2 days' imprisonment
23	Tay Hao Ying	4 Jun 2025	3 days' imprisonment
24	San Htay	4 Jun 2025	1 day's imprisonment
25	Thanesh S/O Vijayakumar	5 Jun 2025	2 days' imprisonment
26	Muhammad Danyal Bin Rawi	12 Jun 2025	Fine of \$700
27	Mohamad Haziq Bin Hamzah	18 Jun 2025	7 days' imprisonment
28	Cyrus Heng Zhi Xuan	23 Jun 2025	2 days' imprisonment
29	Amirul Shafiq Bin Mohamed Noor	25 Jun 2025	2 days' imprisonment
30	Foo Ting Rui Joseph	27 Jun 2025	3 days' imprisonment
31	Yusoff Bin Haron	27 Jun 2025	3 days' imprisonment