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HSA CHARGES 31-YEAR-OLD FOR ALLEGED TRAFFICKING OF ETOMIDATE E-VAPORISER PODS

The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) has charged a 31-year-old man, Chua Beng Kai Jeremy, in court on 22 October 2025 for the alleged trafficking of etomidate e-vaporiser pods.

2 On 21 October 2025, officers from the Singapore Police Force responded to a call for assistance, and discovered the accused's car stationary and facing against the flow of traffic along Punggol Central. The accused appeared dazed when approached. Upon inspecting the vehicle, officers found e-vaporisers and alerted HSA. HSA officers subsequently seized two e-vaporisers and 30 e-vaporiser pods from the vehicle. Laboratory testing confirmed that the seized pods contained etomidate, and investigations are ongoing.

3 The case has been adjourned to 19 November 2025.

4 HSA takes a serious view of e-vaporiser and etomidate trafficking offences. Importers, sellers and distributors of etomidate e-vaporisers now face stiffer penalties. This includes 3 to 20 years' imprisonment and 5 to 15 strokes of the cane for importers, and 2 to 10 years' imprisonment and 2 to 5 strokes of the cane for sellers and distributors.

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About the Health Sciences Authority (HSA)

The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) applies medical, pharmaceutical and scientific expertise through its three professional groups, Health Products Regulation, Blood Services and Applied Sciences, to protect and advance national health and safety. HSA is a multidisciplinary authority. It serves as the national regulator for health products, ensuring they are wisely regulated to meet standards of safety, quality and efficacy. As the national blood service, it is responsible for providing a safe and adequate blood supply. It also applies specialised scientific, forensic, investigative and analytical capabilities in serving the administration of justice. For more details, visit <http://www.hsa.gov.sg>.

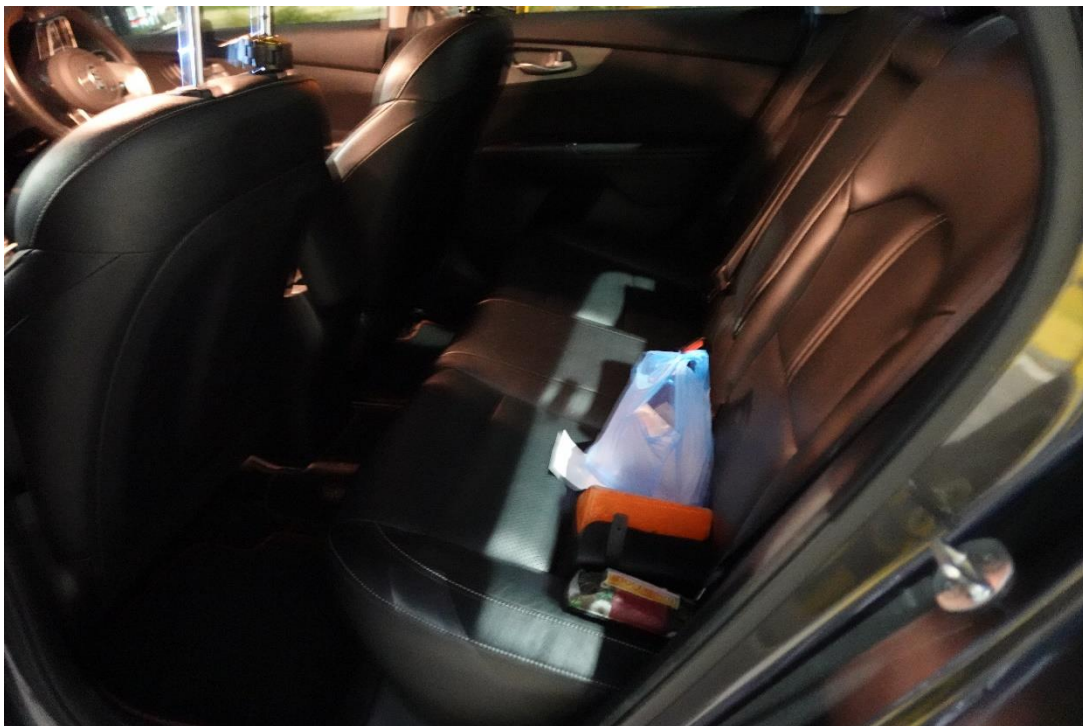
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About HSA's Health Products Regulation Group

The Health Products Regulation Group (HPRG) of HSA ensures that medicines, innovative therapeutics, medical devices and health-related products are wisely regulated and meet appropriate safety, quality and efficacy standards. It contributes to the development of biomedical sciences in Singapore by administering a robust, scientific and responsive regulatory framework.

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