

HSA CHARGES 26-YEAR-OLD FOR ALLEGED TRAFFICKING OF ETOMIDATE E-VAPORISER PODS

The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) has charged a 26-year-old man, Abdul Ammar Bin Mahmood Jumat, in court on 9 January 2026 for the alleged trafficking of etomidate e-vaporiser pods.

2 On the evening of 7 January 2026, HSA officers conducted an enforcement operation in Geylang and arrested the accused along Geylang Lorong 35. HSA officers found and seized one e-vaporiser, four e-vaporiser pods, six bottles of cough syrup and prescription medicines including more than 1,000 capsules and tablets from the accused. Laboratory testing confirmed that the seized pods contained etomidate, and investigations are ongoing.

3 The case has been adjourned to 4 February 2026.

4 HSA takes a serious view of e-vaporiser and etomidate trafficking offences and illegal activities involving health products. Since the enhanced penalties framework took effect on 1 September 2025, importers, sellers and distributors of etomidate e-vaporisers now face stiffer penalties. These include 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. Anyone caught importing, manufacturing and/or supplying illegal health products is liable on conviction to an imprisonment term for up to 2 years and/or fined up to \$50,000.

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