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HSA CHARGES 18-YEAR-OLD FOR ALLEGED TRAFFICKING OF SUSPECTED ETOMIDATE E-VAPORISER PODS

The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) has charged an 18-year-old male, Kwek Rui An Rayern, in court on 17 October 2025 for the alleged trafficking of suspected etomidate e-vaporiser pods.

2 On 16 October 2025, Immigration & Checkpoints Authority officers detected suspected etomidate e-vaporiser pods in the offender's vehicle and referred the case to HSA. Two e-vaporisers and 127 suspected etomidate e-vaporiser pods were seized from the vehicle. Another five pods were seized from his residence at Bedok. The seized pods are being tested for etomidate and HSA's investigations are ongoing.

3 The case has been adjourned to 24 October 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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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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