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HSA CHARGES 25-YEAR-OLD FOR ALLEGED TRAFFICKING OF ETOMIDATE E-VAPORISER PODS

The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) has charged a 25-year-old woman, Low Hui Mei, in court on 24 October 2025 for the alleged trafficking of etomidate e-vaporiser pods.

2 On 22 October 2025, officers from the Singapore Police Force conducted proactive checks and detained Low at King George's Avenue. E-vaporisers were found on her and HSA was alerted. HSA officers seized 11 e-vaporisers and 101 e-vaporiser pods from the accused. Laboratory testing confirmed that the seized pods from the accused contained etomidate, and investigations are ongoing.

3 The case has been adjourned to 31 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. 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.

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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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