

HSA CRACKS DOWN ON ILLEGAL E-VAPORISER SALES AT NIGHTCLUB AT COLEMAN STREET

On 15 May 2025, the Health Sciences Authority's (HSA) tobacco enforcement officers raided Club Slim, a nightclub in Excelsior Shopping Centre at Coleman Street, and uncovered an active trade in illegal e-vaporisers and related accessories. HSA officers caught the 45-year-old club manager who admitted selling e-vaporisers to the club's staff members. HSA officers also uncovered additional evidence, allegedly linking him to an illegal distribution network after conducting a search of his vehicle and residence. The club manager is currently assisting HSA in investigations on the possession and sale of e-vaporisers.

2 Another five persons — three men and two women, aged between 22 and 40 — were found in possession of e-vaporisers and components. HSA issued fines to them on the spot.

3 This raid was part of HSA's stepped-up enforcement and continuing efforts to combat the unauthorised sale and use of e-vaporisers at nightlife establishments.

Penalties for e-vaporiser and tobacco offences in Singapore

4 Under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act, the possession, use or purchase of e-vaporisers carries a maximum fine of \$2,000.

5 It is also an offence to import, distribute, sell or offer for sale prohibited tobacco products, such as 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.

Consumer advisory

6 All forms of tobacco products, including e-vaporisers, are harmful to health. Information about the harms of e-vaporisers is available on the HealthHub <u>website</u>. Information pertaining to prohibited tobacco products in Singapore is available on the HSA <u>website</u>. Smokers who need help with quitting can call the Health Promotion Board's toll-free Quitline at 1800-438-2000. 7 Members of the public who have information on the illegal import, distribution, sale or offer for sale of e-vaporisers can contact the Tobacco Regulation Branch at Tel: 6684 2036 or 6684 2037 during office hours (9:00am to 5:30pm, Monday to Friday).

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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.

<u>ANNEX</u>

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HSA officers conducting checks on club patrons







E-vaporisers and related components seized





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