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\$700,000 WORTH OF ILLEGAL SEXUAL ENHANCEMENT DRUGS SEIZED IN GEYLANG: LARGEST SEIZURE IN 5 YEARS

On 22 September 2017, the Health Sciences Authority (HSA), supported by the Singapore Police Force (SPF), uncovered a large amount of illegal sexual enhancements drugs (SEDs) in a residential unit of a private apartment block in Geylang. About 300,000 units of assorted illegal SEDs were seized, worth an approximate street value of more than \$700,000 – the largest seizure in five years. Please refer to **Annex A** for photographs of the illegal SEDs seized.

2 Following an alert from the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) about one parcel believed to contain a large assortment of illegal health products, HSA apprehended the intended recipient, a 26-year-old Chinese male, outside a private residential apartment in Lorong 32 Geylang. The man then led HSA officers to his rented room in the building where more illegal health products were recovered. Another man was found in the rented room. Both men are currently assisting HSA with investigations for importing illegal health products

3 HSA takes a serious stand against illegal activities that would harm public health. We will take strong enforcement actions against those who engage in the sale and supply of health products containing undeclared medicinal ingredients. Anyone who imports and/or supplies illegal health products is liable to prosecution and if convicted, may be imprisoned for up to 3 years and/or fined up to \$100,000.

4 HSA would like to reiterate the dangers of purchasing health products from dubious sources such as street peddlers. These products may be illegal, counterfeit or substandard, and may contain undeclared, potent ingredients which can potentially cause serious adverse reactions when consumed.

5 Members of the public are encouraged to report any illegal activity involving sexual enhancement products to the Enforcement Branch of HSA at Tel: 6866-3485 during office hours (Monday to Friday) or email: hsa_is@hsa.gov.sg.

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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 drugs, 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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Large amount of illegal SEDs kept in cupboards



Illegal SEDs stored under bed



Stocks of illegal SEDs in boxes and bags

