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HSA SEIZED \$90,000 WORTH OF ILLEGAL SEXUAL ENHANCEMENT MEDICINES IN SIMS DRIVE RESIDENTIAL UNIT

On 20 January 2021, the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) seized about 62,000 units of illegal sexual enhancement medicines (SEMs) during an operation at Sims Drive. The approximate street value of the seized items was over \$90,000. Please refer to **Annex A** for photographs of the illegal SEMs seized.

2 HSA conducted the operation, supported by the Singapore Police Force, after receiving information that six packages from overseas, believed to contain SEMs, would be delivered to a recipient in Singapore. The intended recipient, a 23-year old Chinese male was apprehended at a residential unit at Sims Drive. During the operation, more illegal SEMs were uncovered inside the unit. He is currently assisting HSA with investigations for importing and supplying illegal health products.

3 HSA takes a serious stance against illegal activities that would harm public health. The SEMs may contain undeclared medicinal ingredients which can cause harm to persons who consume them. 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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Illegal sexual enhancement medicines seized by HSA



Sexual enhancement medicines stored in drawers





Sexual enhancement medicines kept in cupboards



