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176 PERSONS CAUGHT AT HSA OPERATION AT ZOUKOUT 2023

On 2 and 3 December 2023, the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) conducted an operation at ZoukOut 2023, a dance music festival, which was held at Siloso Beach, Sentosa. The operation was part of HSA's efforts to enforce the prohibition against evaporisers in Singapore.

A total of 176 offenders were caught at the event for possessing e-vaporisers. Their ages ranged from 18 to 51 years old. These persons will be fined for their offences. All e-vaporisers were seized and confiscated.

Penalties for such offences in Singapore

- 3 Members of the public are reminded that the possession, use or purchase of e-vaporisers is illegal and carries a maximum fine of \$2000. Information pertaining to prohibited tobacco products in Singapore is available on the HSA website and more details about the harms of e-vaporisers can be found in this HealthHub article.
- 4 HSA will also not hesitate to take stern enforcement actions on those who conduct illegal activities such as the peddling of prohibited e-vaporisers to members of the public.
- Members of the public who have information on the illegal import, distribution, sale or offer for sale of e-vaporisers can contact HSA's 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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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

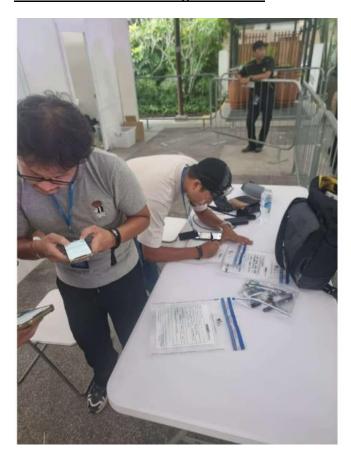
The Health Products Regulation Group (HPRG) of HSA ensures that medicines, innovative therapeutics, medical devices and health-related products are wisely regulated and meet appropriate safety, quality and efficacy standards. It contributes to the development of biomedical sciences in Singapore by administering a robust, scientific and responsive regulatory framework.

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Entrance checks



HSA Officers Processing Offenders



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