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# HSA CHARGES WOMAN FOR ALLEGED POSSESSION OF E-VAPORISERS AND PODS, AND ALLEGED SUPPLY OF E-VAPORISERS AND ETOMIDATE PODS

The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) has charged a 30-year-old woman, Eng Xiao Bei, in court on 25 September 2025 for the alleged possession of e-vaporisers and pods, as well as the alleged supply of e-vaporisers and etomidate pods following an enforcement operation.

- 2 Following HSA's investigation into a case of suspected peddling of evaporisers, HSA officers conducted an enforcement operation at Eng's residence at Punggol Field on 23 September 2025.
- 3 During the search of Eng's unit, HSA officers uncovered and seized 58 evaporisers and related components, and 8 e-vaporisers pods suspected to contain etomidate. Eng was arrested the same day, to assist with investigations into the alleged possession of e-vaporisers and pods, and alleged supply of e-vaporisers and etomidate pods between June and August 2025. The seized pods are being tested for etomidate.
- 4 The case was adjourned to 23 October 2025.
- 5 HSA takes a serious view of such offences. Importers, sellers and distributors of etomidate e-vaporisers will also face much stiffer penalties. This includes 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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