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MAN ARRESTED AND OVER 1,100 BOTTLES OF DUTY-UNPAID LIQUOR SEIZED

Singapore, 1 July 2026 – Singapore Customs (“Customs”) arrested a 40-year-old male Chinese national and seized 1,188 bottles of duty-unpaid liquor during an enforcement operation conducted on 22 June 2026. The total duty and Goods and Services Tax (GST) evaded amounted to about \$75,835.

2 Acting on a tip-off, Customs officers conducted an operation in the vicinity of Kaki Bukit Crescent where they observed a man unloading brown boxes from a Singapore-registered lorry onto a trolley and transporting them into a storage room in a self-storage facility. The officers found 396 bottles of duty-unpaid liquor in the lorry and 792 bottles of duty-unpaid liquor in the storage room. The man was arrested, and the duty-unpaid liquor and the lorry were seized.

3 Investigations revealed that the man had allegedly obtained the job of storing and delivering the duty-unpaid liquor through a social messaging platform. The man was charged in court on 24 June 2026. Court proceedings are ongoing.

4 Under the Customs Act and the GST Act, buying, selling, conveying, delivering, storing, keeping, possessing or dealing in duty-unpaid liquor are serious offences. Offenders can be fined up to 20 times the amount of duty and GST evaded and/or jailed

for up to two years. Vehicles used in committing such offences are also subject to forfeiture.

5 Singapore Customs remains committed to enforcing strict compliance with customs regulations and protecting revenue. Members of public with information on smuggling activities or duty or GST evasion can report it to Customs at <https://go.gov.sg/reportcustomsoffence>.

Annex: Photographs of the operation.

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Annex



Duty-unpaid liquor found in the lorry.



Duty-unpaid liquor found in the storage room.



The man arrested and the duty-unpaid liquor seized.