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## **HSA CHARGES 35-YEAR-OLD FOR ALLEGED TRAFFICKING OF ETOMIDATE E-VAPORISER PODS**

The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) has charged a 35-year-old man, Wee Rong Hong Marcus, in court on 20 November 2025 for the alleged trafficking of etomidate e-vaporiser pods.

2 During an enforcement operation at Geylang on 18 November 2025, HSA officers conducted checks on the subject, who was vaping and behaving suspiciously. HSA officers found and seized a total of 17 e-vaporisers and pods from him, of which 13 pods were meant for sale. Laboratory testing confirmed that the seized pods contained etomidate, and investigations are ongoing.

3 The case has been adjourned to 18 December 2025.

4 HSA takes a serious view of e-vaporiser and etomidate trafficking offences. Importers, sellers and distributors of etomidate e-vaporisers now face stiffer penalties. These include 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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### **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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**ANNEX**

**HSA CHARGES 35-YEAR-OLD FOR ALLEGED TRAFFICKING  
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