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## HSA ALERTS PUBLIC TO “VIA.X FOR MEN”, FOUND TO CONTAIN UNDECLARED POTENT INGREDIENTS

The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) is alerting members of the public to the detection of undeclared potent ingredients in the product, “VIA.X For Men”. HSA advises all consumers who may have “VIA.X For Men”, to stop consuming the product immediately. Nature’s Farm Pte Ltd, the local distributor of the product has recalled the product from the market.

2 “VIA.X For Men”, sold locally at Nature’s Farm outlets and selected medical halls, claims to contain only natural ingredients, including Red Algae Peptide Hydrolysate, Pycnogenol, L-Arginine and Zinc Gluconate. It is marketed as “*a premium proprietary blend of scientifically proven ingredients specially made to boost performance and satisfaction*”. Please refer to [Annex A](#) for the picture of the product.

### Background

3 During HSA’s routine product quality surveillance of health products, samples of “VIA.X For Men” were tested and found to be adulterated, containing undeclared potent ingredients, sildenafil and propoxyphenyl sildenafil. To-date, we have not received any adverse reaction reports associated with the product.

4 Sildenafil is used to treat erectile dysfunction and should only be used when prescribed by a doctor. Its usage without proper medical advice and close supervision can cause serious adverse reactions such as decreased or loss of vision and hearing, low blood pressure and other cardiovascular events such as stroke and myocardial infarction. In addition, sildenafil is not suitable for patients with some medical conditions including certain heart problems or patients who are taking heart medications such as nitrates.

5 Propoxyphenyl sildenafil is an analogue (chemically related compound) of sildenafil. It is not approved for use as a medicinal ingredient and could cause adverse effects which are similar to those of sildenafil.

### Public Advisory

6 Consumers with any remaining supplies of “VIA.X For Men” are advised to stop consuming the product immediately. Those who have taken the product should seek medical attention if they are feeling unwell or are concerned about their health.

7 Nature’s Farm Pte Ltd, the local distributor of “VIA.X For Men”, is working with HSA to investigate this matter and has conducted a voluntary consumer recall of “VIA.X For Men”. Members of the public may wish to contact Nature’s Farm Pte Ltd at Tel: 6744 1865 should they have any enquiries on the voluntary recall.

**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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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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