



**CNB**  
For a Drug-Free Singapore

## **JOINT HSA-CNB PRESS RELEASE**

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### **E-VAPORISERS AND COMPONENTS WORTH \$700,000, AND ILLICIT DRUGS SEIZED IN RAID**

On 16 February 2022, the Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) launched an anti-drug operation and arrested three Singaporean men in their 30s for suspected drug offences. Close to \$700,000 worth of e-vaporisers and components were also seized by the Health Sciences Authority (HSA).

2 In the afternoon of 16 February, CNB officers arrested a 30-year-old man and a 32-year-old man in the vicinity of Upper Bukit Timah. The two men were escorted to a residential unit in the same vicinity, where a 37-year-old man was also arrested. A total of 2g of 'Ice', 18 'Ecstasy' tablets and drug paraphernalia were seized from the unit. CNB officers also uncovered a significant number of e-vaporisers and related components within the unit, and alerted HSA.

3 HSA officers conducted a search of the premises and found large quantities of prohibited tobacco products. A total of 1,461 assorted e-vaporisers, 94,572 assorted pods (e-vaporiser components) and 78,091 HeatSticks (heat-not-burn tobacco) were seized by HSA. Investigations into the illicit activities of the arrested suspects are ongoing. Please refer to the [Annex](#) for photos of the items seized.

4 HSA would like to remind the public that the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act prohibits the import, distribution, sale or offer for sale of imitation tobacco products. These include shisha tobacco, smokeless tobacco, chewing tobacco such as Gutkha, Khaini, Zarda, e-vaporisers and their components. Any person convicted of an offence is liable to a fine of up to \$10,000, or imprisonment of up to six months or both for the first offence, and a fine of up to \$20,000, or imprisonment of up to 12 months or both for the second or subsequent offence. The

purchase, use and possession of such products is also an offence. Any person convicted of this offence is liable to a fine of up to \$2,000. All prohibited tobacco items will also be seized and confiscated.

5 Members of the public who have information on the illegal import, distribution, sale or offer for sale of e-vaporisers can submit a report conveniently using the online form at [www.go.gov.sg/reporttobaccooffences](http://www.go.gov.sg/reporttobaccooffences). Alternatively, they 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).

## **HEALTH SCIENCES AUTHORITY CENTRAL NARCOTICS BUREAU**

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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.

### **About the Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB)**

The Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) is the primary drug enforcement agency with a clear and focused mandate – to keep Singapore safe from the harms of illicit drugs and inhalants. CNB's mission is to Enforce, Educate and Engage for a drug-free Singapore.

1. In our rigorous Enforcement against drug activities, we prevent the proliferation of drugs through intelligence, operations and investigations, guided by robust laws and policies. We collaborate with our Home Team, local and international partners to stem the flow of illicit drugs into and within Singapore.
2. Through Preventive Education, we educate the community on the harms of drugs and strengthen the resilience of youths to stay drug free.
3. In our Engagement efforts, we work actively with the local community to garner strong societal support to create a Singapore without drugs.
4. We also work with like-minded international partners to uphold the international space for a zero tolerance approach against drug abuse.

For more information, visit [www.cnb.gov.sg](http://www.cnb.gov.sg)

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Assorted e-vaporisers and pods uncovered at the premises on 16 Feb 2022.

(Photos: Health Sciences Authority)

