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HSA REVOKES / SUSPENDS THE LICENCES OF ERRANT TOBACCO RETAILERS CAUGHT SELLING TOBACCO TO UNDERAGE YOUTH

The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) revokes the licence of 1 errant tobacco retailer and suspends the licences of 5 other tobacco retailers for selling tobacco to underage youth.

2 Kutub Sultan Trading, a tobacco retail outlet at Commonwealth Avenue West, will no longer be allowed to sell tobacco products from 25 June 2012 as its licence has been revoked. The outlet was caught by HSA inspectors for blatantly selling cigarettes to a 14 year old youth ***in school uniform*** on 17 February 2012. Besides having its licence revoked, the errant seller was also convicted in Court and fined (refer to S/n 1 in Annex A).

3 HSA will also suspend 5 other tobacco retail outlets for 6 months, starting from 25 June 2012 to 24 December 2012, for selling tobacco products to underage youth. The sellers working in these retail outlets who were found guilty of the offence were also individually convicted and fined (refer to S/n 2 to 6 in Annex A).

4 HSA reminds all tobacco retailers that they are responsible for all transactions of tobacco products taking place at their outlets, as well as for the actions of their employees. Under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act, anyone caught selling tobacco products to persons below the age of 18 is liable, on conviction in Court, to a maximum fine of up to \$5,000 for the first offence and up to \$10,000 for the second or subsequent offence. In addition, the tobacco retail licence will also be suspended for 6 months for the first offence and revoked for the second offence. However, if any outlet is found selling tobacco products to underage youth in school uniform or those below 12 years of age, the tobacco retail licence will immediately be revoked, even for the 1st offence.

5 Persons below the age of 18 who are caught for using, buying or possessing tobacco products are liable on conviction, to a maximum fine of \$300.

6 HSA takes a serious view of the use and illegal sales of tobacco products to underage youth. We will enforce this prohibition stringently, so as to prevent the illegal sales of tobacco products to underage youth.

7 Members of the public can view the List of Suspended / Revoked Tobacco Retailers at:

http://www.hsa.gov.sg/publish/hsaportal/en/health_products_regulation/tobacco/Suspended_Licences.html.

8 HSA also encourages members of the public who have information on the illegal sales of tobacco products to underage youth to call the Tobacco Regulation Branch at Tel: 66842036 or 66842037 during office hours.

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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, 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/>.

- **About HSA's Health Products Regulation Group**

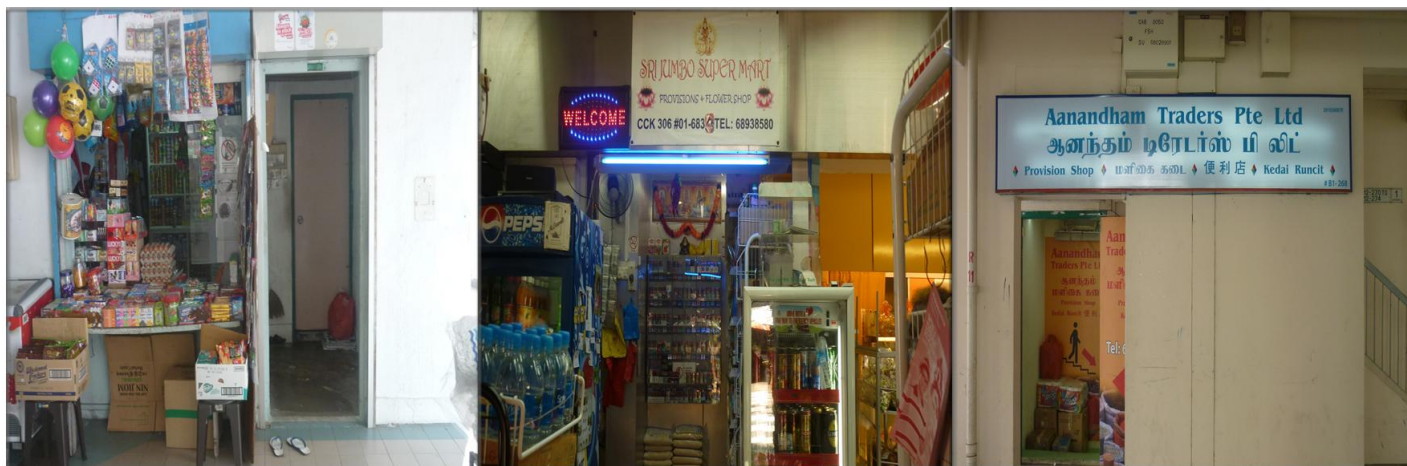
The Health Products Regulation Group (HPRG) of HSA ensures that drugs, innovative therapeutics, medical devices and health-related products are wisely regulated and meet appropriate safety, quality and efficacy standards.

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Table 1 – List of Errant Tobacco Retailers

S/N	Name of Retail Outlet	Address of Retail Outlet	Date of offence	Court actions against seller	Punishment for retailers
1	Kutub Sultan Trading	411 Commonwealth Avenue West #01-3075	17-Feb-12	Fine of \$2,000	Revocation (from 25-Jun-12 onwards)
2	Sri Jumbo Super Mart	306 Choa Chu Kang Avenue 4 #01-683	3-Sep-11	Pending court actions (absconded)	6 months suspension (25-Jun-12 to 24-Dec-12)
3	Aanandham Traders Pte Ltd	289 Choa Chu Kang Avenue 3 #B1-268	10-Nov-11	Fine of \$2,000	As above
4	Choon Huat Grocery	929 Tampines Street 91 #01-441	6-Dec-11	As above	As above
5	Tajnisa Store	59 Chai Chee Road #01-K1	11-Jan-12	As above	As above
6	333 Coffee Shop	136 Bedok North Avenue 3 #01-140	6-Feb-12	As above	As above

Photographs of Errant Tobacco Retailers Caught Selling Tobacco to Underage Youth (as listed in Table 1)



Kutub Sultan Trading

Sri Jumbo Super Mart

Aanandham Traders Pte Ltd



Choon Huat Grocery

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