



**IMMIGRATION & CHECKPOINTS AUTHORITY  
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**JOINT NEWS RELEASE**

**SLEEPING PILLS, E-CIGARETTE AND E-CIGARETTE ACCESSORIES  
SEIZED AT THE LAND DOMAIN**

On 17 November 2015 at about 2am, officers from the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) directed a Singapore-registered car, driven by a lone male, for routine checks upon its arrival at the Woodlands Checkpoint.

2. During the course of checks, ICA officers found five bundles of sleeping pills wrapped in newspaper that were hidden in the rear side panel of the vehicle. More pills were uncovered from the 38-year-old Singaporean's waist pouch.

3. The seized pills included 5,000 Midazolam tablets, 26 Alprazolam tablets and 15 unknown white tablets. The officers also found and seized an electronic cigarette (e-cigarette) and e-cigarette accessories below the driver's seat. The Singaporean male is currently assisting the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) with investigations.

4. Under the Medicines Act and Poisons Act, the import and supply of Midazolam and Alprazolam are required to be licensed by HSA. Unlicensed dealers are liable under the Poisons Act on conviction to a maximum fine of \$10,000 and/or imprisonment of up to two years, and liable under the Medicines Act on conviction to a maximum fine of up to \$5,000 and/or imprisonment of up to 2 years.

5. The Tobacco (Control of Advertisement and Sales) Act prohibits the import, distribution, sale or offer for sale of any article that is designed to resemble a tobacco

product; this includes vaporisers such as e-cigarettes, e-pipes, e-cigars and the like. Any person who is convicted for this offence is liable to a fine of up to \$5,000 for the first offence and a fine of up to \$10,000 for the second or subsequent offence for each count of offence.

6. Anyone who has information on such illegal activities can call HSA at Tel: 6866 3485 (for health products) or Tel: 6684 2036 (for tobacco and related products) during office hours (Monday to Friday, 9.00am – 5.30pm).

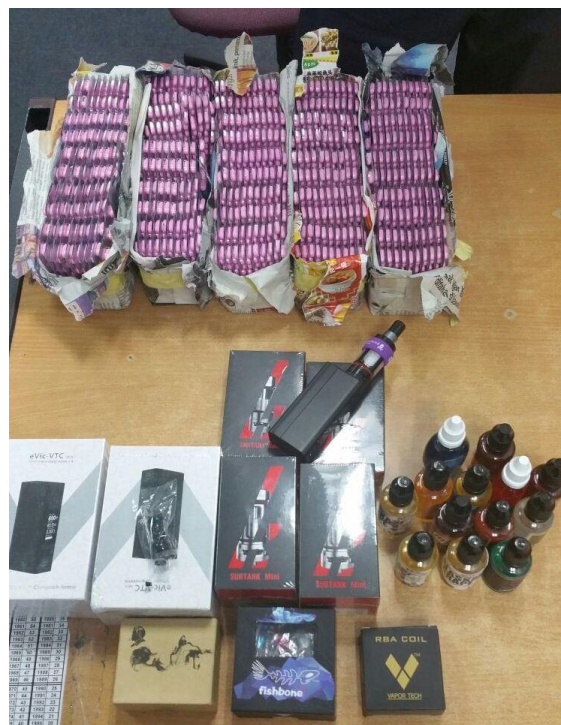
7. Our borders are our first line of defence in safeguarding Singapore's security. The security checks are critical to our nation's security. The ICA will continue to conduct security checks on passengers and vehicles at the checkpoints to prevent attempts to smuggle in undesirable persons, drugs, weapons, explosives and other contrabands.

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ICA Photos



Bundles of sleeping pills wrapped in newspaper uncovered from the vehicle



Total exhibits seized