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HSA REVOKES LICENCE OF RETAILER WHO SOLD TOBACCO TO MINOR IN SCHOOL UNIFORM AND SUSPENDS LICENCES OF FIVE OTHER TOBACCO RETAILERS

The Health Sciences Authority (HSA) has revoked the tobacco retail licence of one retailer and suspended the tobacco retail licences of five other errant tobacco retailers who sold tobacco products to minors under 18 years of age. They were caught via HSA's ground surveillance and enforcement activities to deter the illegal sale of tobacco products to under-18 minors. (Please refer to Annex A for the list of retailers and photos.)

Retail Licence Revoked

2 Song Hui Kiosk, located in Ang Mo Kio, had sold tobacco products to a minor, aged 14, who was in school uniform. Its tobacco retail licence was revoked and it will no longer be allowed to sell tobacco products.

Retail Licences Suspended

3 The five other outlets which sold tobacco products to under-18 minors for the first time had their retail licences suspended. The outlets are Shivaranjani Minimart, 26 Foodloft, Al Kaaba Mini-Mart, Sin Hup Lee Store, and O A Jalil. The suspension will prohibit the errant retailers from selling tobacco products for six months.

Reminder to Retailers

4 HSA would like to remind tobacco retail licensees that they are responsible for all transactions of tobacco products taking place at their outlets, as well as the actions of their employees.

5 HSA urges all tobacco retail licensees to educate their employees on the law pertaining to the sale of tobacco products and for sellers to check the age of those who wish to buy tobacco products.

6 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 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 **under-18**

minors in school uniform or those below 12 years of age, the tobacco retail licence will **be revoked**, even at the first offence. From 2013 to date, 32 tobacco retail licences were suspended and 22 were revoked by HSA.

7 In accordance to the licence application criteria, any person who commits an offence of selling tobacco to a person under 18 years of age will not be eligible to apply for a tobacco retail licence.

8 Members of the public can view the updated List of Suspended / Revoked Tobacco Retailers [here](#).

Reminder to Members of the Public

9 HSA would also like to remind the public not to supply any tobacco products to under-18 minors. Anyone caught buying or acquiring any tobacco product for a person below the age of 18 years is liable, on conviction in Court, to a maximum fine of up to \$2,500 for the first offence and up to \$5,000 for the second or subsequent offence. Similarly, anyone caught giving or furnishing any tobacco product to a person below the age of 18 is liable, on conviction in Court, to a maximum fine of up to \$500 for the first offence and up to \$1,000 for the second or subsequent offence. From 2013 to May 2016, 48 individuals have been caught for such offences.

10 HSA encourages members of the public who have information on the illegal sale of tobacco products to under-18 minors 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 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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Table 1 – List of Errant Tobacco Retailers Caught Selling Tobacco to Under-18 Minors

S/N	Name of Retail Outlet	Address of Retail Outlet	Punishment for retailer
1	Song Hui Kiosk	Blk 562 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 3 #01-3494 Singapore 650562	Revocation (8 April 2016 onwards)
2	Shivaranjani Minimart	Blk 416 Pasir Ris Drive 6 #01-K1 Singapore 510416	Suspension (10 June 2016 to 9 December 2016)
3	26 Foodloft	Blk 26 Jalan Membina #01-10 Singapore 161026	Suspension (10 June 2016 to 9 December 2016)
4	Al Kaaba Mini-Mart	Blk 391 Yishun Avenue 6 #01-K1 Singapore 760391	Suspension (10 June 2016 to 9 December 2016)
5	Sin Hup Lee Store	Blk 111 Jalan Bukit Merah #01-1698 Singapore 160111	Suspension (10 June 2016 to 9 December 2016)
6	O A Jalil	Blk 19 Hougang Avenue 3 #01-185 Singapore 530019	Suspension (20 June 2016 to 19 December 2016)

Photographs of Errant Tobacco Retailers Caught Selling Tobacco to Under-18 Minors (as listed in Table 1)



Song Hui Kiosk



Shivaranjani Minimart



26 Foodloft



Al Kaaba Mini-Mart



Sin Hup Lee Store



O A Jalil