



**HEALTH SCIENCES AUTHORITY  
AND  
CENTRAL NARCOTICS BUREAU**

**JOINT NEWS RELEASE**

**ILLEGAL HEALTH PRODUCTS WORTH OVER \$40,000 SEIZED  
DURING JOINT OPERATION IN GEYLANG**

1 The Health Sciences Authority (HSA), Central Narcotics Bureau (CNB) and Singapore Police Force (SPF) carried out a joint operation in the vicinity of Geylang on 23 December 2015. During the 7-hour operation, four male Singaporeans in their 20s were arrested and are currently assisting in investigations. This joint operation was part of HSA's on-going efforts to tackle the illegal sale of cough syrups, sexual enhancement drugs, prescription drugs and other health products. Please refer to the **Annex** for photos.

2 HSA, CNB and SPF seized cough syrup, prescription drugs and sexual enhancement drugs with an estimated street value of \$40,000. HSA would like to reiterate the dangers of purchasing health products from street peddlers and unknown sellers. These products may be illegal, counterfeit or substandard and may contain undeclared, potent ingredients and other substance(s) controlled under the Poisons Act, which can potentially cause serious adverse reactions when consumed.

3 HSA takes a serious stand against illegal activities that would harm public health. We will take strong enforcement actions against those who engage in the sale and supply of illegal health products. Under the Poisons Act, anyone caught illegally importing, selling or supplying health products can be fined up to \$10,000 or jailed up to 2 years or both.

4 Members of the public who encounter any illegal sale of cough syrup, sexual enhancement drugs and other health products are encouraged to report them to HSA's Enforcement Branch at Tel: 6866-3485 during office hours (Monday to Friday) or Email: [hsa\\_is@hsa.gov.sg](mailto:hsa_is@hsa.gov.sg).

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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 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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