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To: All Port Users

POSSESSION OF CONTRABANDS AND PROHIBITED ITEMS

- 1 Possession of contraband such as cigarettes, alcoholic beverages and prohibited items are offences under Singapore law.
- 2 Regular checks are carried out within PSA's restricted areas and access points for possession of contrabands and prohibited items (refer to Annex A).



Duty-unpaid cigarettes



Chewing Tobacco



E-vaporisers

- 3 Offenders will be referred to the relevant Government agencies, including Singapore Police Force, Immigration Checkpoint Authority, Singapore Customs and Health Sciences Authority for investigation and enforcement action.
- 4 Such offences also contravene PSA Pass Conditions and offenders shall be subjected to the following as per PSA Security Rules:
 - i) Immediate eviction from PSA's restricted areas and revocation of such person's PSA Pass and vehicle permit; and
 - ii) Ban from entering PSA's restricted areas for:
 - (a) with respect to the 1st infringement, 3 to 6 months as PSA deems fit;
 - (b) with respect to the 2nd infringement, up to 12 months as PSA deems fit.
- 5 Enhanced penalties for the possession or distribution of E-Vaporisers will apply under the Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act. Please refer to Annex B.
 - a. Offenders will be evicted from PSA's restricted areas, and respective PSA pass and vehicle permit will be revoked for a minimum period of 1 year.

6 All individuals are to comply strictly with the stipulated regulations.

7 We seek your co-operation to keep our Ports safe and secure.



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POSSESSION OF PROHIBITED, CONTROLLED, OR DUTY-UNPAID GOODS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED



CIGARETTES



CONTROLLED DRUGS



ALCOHOL



WEAPONS



CHEWING TOBACCO



E-VAPORISERS

*This list is not exhaustive

Any person found in unauthorised possession will be referred to the authorities and barred from accessing the Port.

Offences under the Health Sciences Authority and Singapore Customs carry composition fines of up to \$2,000 and \$5,000, respectively.

Severe violations may lead to court prosecution.



*For more information, please visit the websites of the respective competent authorities.

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VAPING OFFENCES

will carry heavier penalties



OFFENCES	E-VAPORISERS	ETOMIDATE E-VAPORISERS
1ST	<p>Higher composition fine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Below 18 years old: \$500 • Adults: \$700 	<p>Higher composition fine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Below 18 years old: \$500 • Adults: \$700 <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 6 months of rehabilitation
2ND	<p>3 months of rehabilitation</p>	<p>Mandatory supervision, including drug testing and rehabilitation, for 6 months</p>
3RD OR MORE	<p>Prosecution, subject to a maximum fine of \$2,000</p>	<p>Aged 16 & above:</p> <p>12 months regime</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detained at Drug Rehabilitation Centre for treatment and rehabilitation • Drug testing and supervision <p>Below 16 years old:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory supervision, including drug testing, for 12 months

Importers, sellers and distributors of etomidate e-vaporisers will face up to 20 years' imprisonment and 15 strokes of the cane.



Get help to quit with the QuitVape Programme at gov.sg/quitvape



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PENALTIES FOR FOREIGNERS CAUGHT VAPING



1ST OFFENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seizure of vapes• Composition fine
REPEATED OFFENDERS	Short-Term Visit Pass: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Banned from re-entry into Singapore
	Long-Term Visit Pass/Work passes, Student/Dependant passes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seizure of vapes and composition fine• Pass revoked, deported and banned from re-entry into Singapore on 3rd offence
Foreigners Using Etomidate Vaporisers (or test positive for etomidate) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pass revoked• Deported and banned from re-entry into Singapore	



For more information, visit gov.sg/stopvaping

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Reference: <https://file.go.gov.sg/enhanced-regime-foreigners-el.pdf>