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MAN FINED OVER \$200,000 FOR DEALING IN DUTY-UNPAID LIQUOR

Singapore, 8 January 2026 – A 52-year-old male Chinese national has been fined \$200,700 for dealing in duty-unpaid liquor, following his conviction in the State Courts on 23 December 2025.

2 Huang Hongjiang (黃紅江) pleaded guilty to two charges under the Customs Act, where the offences resulted in the evasion of about S\$25,499 in duty and Goods and Services Tax (GST). As Huang failed to pay the fine, he will serve an in-default sentence of two months and one week's imprisonment.

3 During an operation conducted on 11 December 2025, Singapore Customs officers observed Huang entering an industrial building at Tuas View Square to collect a shipment. Officers proceeded to check and discovered 186 bottles of duty-unpaid liquor. Huang was arrested at the scene and the duty-unpaid liquor seized.

4 Investigations revealed that Huang conspired with a friend in China to sell Chinese liquor in Singapore. His accomplice procured the liquor in China and arranged for its import into Singapore without payment of duty and GST, while Huang would handle the

delivery in Singapore. Huang was at Tuas View Square to collect the consignment for onward delivery when he was intercepted by officers.

5 “The swift and decisive actions of our officers demonstrate Singapore Customs’ commitment to detecting and deterring tax evasion. Through vigilant enforcement, we will pursue and prosecute without hesitation those who violate the law. We encourage the public to support our efforts by reporting any suspicious activities,” said a Singapore Customs spokesperson.

6 Under the Customs Act and the GST Act, buying, selling, conveying, delivering, storing, keeping, possessing or dealing in duty-unpaid liquor are serious offences. Offenders can be fined up to 20 times the amount of duty and GST evaded and/or jailed for up to two years.

7 Singapore Customs remains committed to enforcing strict compliance with customs regulations and protecting revenue. Members of public with information on smuggling activities or duty or GST evasion can report it to Customs at <https://go.gov.sg/reportcustomsoffence>.

Annex: Photographs of the duty-unpaid liquor seized

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Duty-unpaid liquor found at Tuas View Square.