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## Slough man arrested for supply of counterfeit medicines

A man from Slough was arrested last week by police on behalf of the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) at his home address in connection with the alleged supply, via the Internet, of counterfeit "lifestyle" drugs used for erectile dysfunction. The medicines had a street value of over £5,000.

300 tablets of Viagra and 10 tablets of Cialis, along with counterfeit packaging, were seized at his home address. The man was taken to Slough Police Station, where he was interviewed and released on bail until 31 August 2005.

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### Notes to Editor

1. Counterfeit medicines are a global problem and the MHRA has a comprehensive agency-wide anti-counterfeiting strategy to tackle this type of criminality. The MHRA liaises closely with international Regulatory partners and law enforcement agencies at home and abroad as well as with the pharmaceutical industry and trade groups to ensure that the tackling of counterfeiting medicines remains a priority.
2. The main aim of the MHRA is to safeguard public health by: ensuring that medicines for human use, sold or supplied in the UK, are of an acceptable standard of safety, quality and efficacy and ensuring that medical devices meet appropriate standards of safety.