

Hong Kong Customs detects a case involving possession of suspected "space oil drug" by passenger (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (February 15) detected a case involving possession of etomidate (the main ingredient of "space oil drug"), under the Dangerous Drug Ordinance, from an incoming passenger at the Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal in Sheung Wan. One vape stick containing suspected "space oil drug" was seized. This is the first ever case detected by Customs since the inclusion of etomidate into the First Schedule of the Dangerous Drug Ordinance (Cap. 134) on February 14.

A 28-year-old woman arrived Hong Kong from Macao yesterday. During Customs clearance, a vape stick containing suspected "space oil drug" was found and the woman was subsequently arrested. The arrested person, claimed to be unemployed, has been released on bail pending further investigation.

Customs will continue to step up the enforcement and combat against the trafficking of "space oil drug".

Under the Dangerous Drug Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Members of the public may report any suspected drug trafficking activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 182 8080 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002).

