

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

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (March 11) detected a case involving possession of etomidate, the main ingredient of the "space oil drug", which is under the Dangerous Drug Ordinance, by an incoming passenger at the Lo Wu Control Point. Four suspected "space oil drug" capsules and two vape sticks containing the suspected "space oil drug" were seized.

A 17-year-old male passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Shenzhen yesterday. During Customs clearance, four suspected "space oil drug" capsules, two vape sticks containing the suspected "space oil drug" and one other vape stick were found on him. The man was subsequently arrested. The arrested person, who claimed to be unemployed, has been released on bail pending further investigation.

Customs will continue to step up enforcement and combat against trafficking of the "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 report hotline 182 8080 or its dedicated crime reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002).

