

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

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (January 23) detected a case involving possession of suspected etomidate (the main ingredient of "space oil drug"), a kind of Part 1 poison under the Pharmacy and Poisons Regulations, by an incoming passenger at the Lok Ma Chau Control Point. A total of ten suspected "space oil drug" capsules were seized.

A local 19-year-old male passenger arrived in Hong Kong via the Lok Ma Chau Control Point yesterday. During customs clearance, ten suspected "space oil drug" capsules were found in his jacket pocket. He was subsequently arrested.

The arrested man has been put on bail pending further investigation.

Under the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, any person who possesses any poison included in Part 1 of the Poisons List other than in accordance with provisions commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$100,000 and imprisonment for two years.

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).

