

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

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (January 25) 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 incoming passengers at the China Ferry Terminal in Tsim Sha Tsui. One vape stick containing suspected "space oil drug" was seized.

A 18-year-old woman and a 19-year-old woman arrived Hong Kong from the China Ferry Terminal yesterday. During customs clearance, a vape stick containing suspected "space oil drug" was found from the handbag of the 18-year-old woman. Upon investigation, the 19-year-old woman was found to be connected with the case. Both of them were then arrested.

The arrested women, both claimed to be students, have been jointly charged with one count of possession of Part 1 Poison and the case will be brought up at the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (January 27).

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).

