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Indian 'tourist' with abortion pills held at NAIA 1

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The packs seized from an Indian traveler containing 24,000 tablets of cytotec, a banned ulcer drug that has become popular for abortions, are laid out on a table at the NAIA. Eric Apolonio, InterAksyon.com

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MANILA, Philippines – Alert Customs personnel at the premier airport intercepted an Indian “tourist” whose luggage yielded 24,000 tablets of an ulcer drug outlawed by the Food and Drug Administration after it became popular for use as an abortion pill.

Mohanty Srikant, an Indian national, was found to be bringing in some 2,000 blister caps (about 24,000 tablets) of Cytotec tablets that are banned in the Philippines.

Earlier, airport Customs police chief Reggie Tuason and the head of the Customs Anti-Illegal Drugs Task Force (CAIDTF), Col. Sherwin Andrada, had received an intelligence report from their counterparts in Bangkok that a passenger of Thai Airlines flight TG 621 arriving Monday morning at the NAIA terminal 1 was carrying a black check-in trolley bag that contained illegal drugs.

Andrada said that Cytotec was originally usually used to cure ulcers but later became popular as an abortion pill.

According to medical information, Cytotec known also as Misoprostol, Arthrotec, Oxaprost, Cyprostol,

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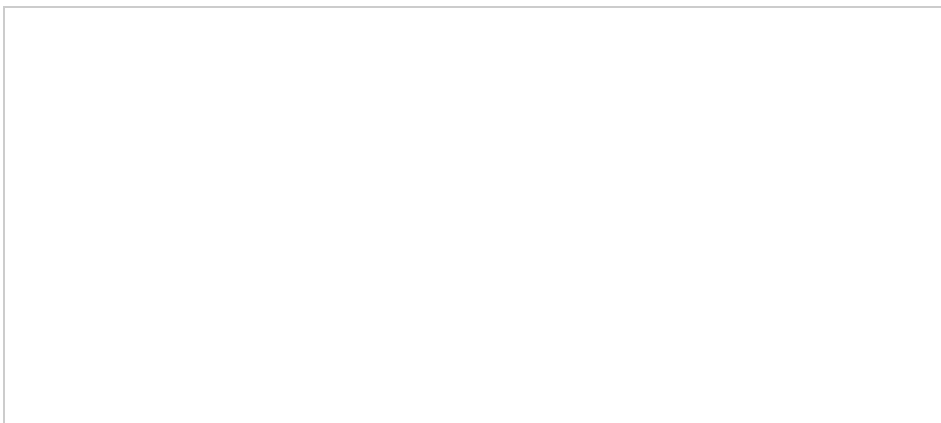
Customs authorities put no value on the confiscated illegal drugs but Srikant was brought to the Pasay City Prosecutor's office for inquest and filing of charges.

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