

Cocaine Diluted in Blackberry Pulp Seized in Mexico



Mexico City, July 28 (teleSUR-RHC)-- Mexican federal authorities reported on Monday an unprecedented discovery. When checking a shipment from Colombia of frozen blackberry pulp, they detected cocaine had been diluted into the fruit.

Customs officials in Manzanillo, Colima, a port and tourist destination northwest of Mexico City, say that while they seized 24,000 liters of blackberry pulp they could not determine how many kilograms of cocaine was in the mix.

According to officials, detection of cocaine in this form is very difficult. The authorities did not explain why they decided to analyze the shipment, but said the seizure was thanks to the coordination between the Ministry of the Navy and the attorney general's office.

The frozen fruit pulp was being transported in 200-liter barrels and was imported by an agricultural company officially registered in Michoacan state. However, when authorities visited the company, they found the property was abandoned. They added that the company does not have any dealings with third parties on record.

In 2014, the company filed a tax report in zeros. The attorney general's office said an investigation into the case is underway. No arrests have been made. In April 2014, the office of the attorney general seized 2,000 liters of diluted cocaine, and said that after going through a chemical process, 900 kilograms of the

white powder could be extracted.

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