Please be aware of a courier-related scam in which scammers befriend victims on social media. The scammers will then start to communicate with the victims in either a friendly or romantic way. Once they gain the confidence of the victim, they will then send a message to say that they have sent a parcel. The scammers will then send a picture of the transport document and pictures of the content (see below) eg. expensive clothing, shoes, mobile phones, tablets, jewellery and US dollars. The victim is then ask to make a deposit, supposedly for transport costs, Customs duties and VAT. The account details provided will be that of an individual. In some instances, such correspondence is sent with a SARS or courier company logo. However, SARS will never request clients to deposit money into an individual's account. Please first verify the information with the local couriers or with SARS Customs.

