

Hong Kong Customs alerts public on unsafe children's jacket (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs today (December 7) alerted members of the public to potential strangulation hazards posed by the cord of a children's jacket.

Customs officers today seized a total of seven children's jackets from a retailer. The cord near the neck part of the jacket was found to pose a risk of strangulation, violating the requirements of the relevant standard.

A prohibition notice was served on the retailer concerned, prohibiting the continued sale of the children's jacket.

Customs reminds parents to watch out for potential hazards when selecting clothing for their children to avoid accidents.

Customs is committed to the protection of consumer interests and regularly conducts spot checks and safety tests on consumer goods to ensure that they are reasonably safe for use by consumers.

Under the Consumer Goods Safety Ordinance, it is an offence to supply, manufacture or import consumer goods unless the goods comply with the general safety requirements for consumer goods. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$100,000 and imprisonment for one year on first conviction, and \$500,000 and imprisonment for two years on subsequent convictions.

Members of the public with information relating to unsafe consumer goods may report via the Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

