

Hong Kong Customs combats counterfeit goods activities bound for United States (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs conducted a targeted operation between November 18 and December 15 to combat cross-boundary counterfeit goods destined for the United States. About 13 000 items of suspected counterfeit goods with an estimated market value of about \$1.5 million were seized.

Through an intelligence exchange with the US Customs and Border Protection, Hong Kong Customs took enforcement action in the abovementioned period and stepped up inspections against suspicious express consignments destined for the United States.

During the operation, about 13 000 suspected counterfeit goods including mobile phones, handbags, shoes and clothing were seized.

Hong Kong Customs will continue to work closely with overseas law enforcement agencies to combat cross-boundary counterfeiting activities through intelligence exchanges and joint enforcement actions.

Under the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, any person who imports or exports any goods with any forged trademark commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for five years.

Members of the public may report any suspected counterfeiting activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

