

Hong Kong Customs combats illegal import of pharmaceutical products

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (June 4) arrested two directors of a medical diagnostic group suspected of illegally importing pharmaceutical products, in contravention of the Import and Export Ordinance (IEO).

Customs earlier conducted a joint operation with the relevant department and raided two premises of the medical diagnostic group located in Yau Ma Tei and Kwun Tong. After investigation, Customs officers yesterday arrested a 61-year-old man and a 44-year-old woman.

Investigation is ongoing and the arrested persons have been released on bail pending further investigation.

Under the IEO, import and export of pharmaceutical products not under and in accordance with a licence is an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for two years.

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