

Hong Kong Customs combats unfair trade practices by renovation company

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (October 15) arrested a male director of a renovation company suspected of having applied a false trade description to the renovation service he supplied, in contravention of the Trade Descriptions Ordinance (TDO).

Customs earlier received information alleging that a male director of a renovation company had made a false claim that his renovation company was a registered electrical contractor, which was contrary to the fact.

After investigation, Customs officers yesterday arrested a 37-year-old man.

An investigation is ongoing and the arrested man has been released on bail pending further investigation.

Customs reminds traders to comply with the requirements of the TDO and consumers to procure services at reputable shops.

Under the TDO, any trader who applies a false trade description to a service supplied to a consumer 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 violations of the TDO to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).