

Hong Kong Customs seizes products containing suspected tetrahydro-cannabinol and solutions suspected of containing Part 1 poison (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs seized products containing about 54 grams of suspected tetrahydro-cannabinol (THC) and 2.67 litres of solutions suspected of containing nicotine with an estimated market value of about \$18,000 in total at Hong Kong International Airport and in Lam Tin on September 3 and yesterday (September 6) respectively.

Customs officers inspected an air express parcel arriving in Hong Kong from the United Kingdom on September 3 and seized the batch of products containing suspected THC.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday arrested a 26-year-old man suspected to be in connection with the case in Lam Tin. Customs officers further seized the batch of solutions suspected of containing nicotine at his residential unit.

Investigation is ongoing.

Customs will maintain close contact with Hongkong Post and the logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking through postal parcel or express courier channels.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Customs also reminds that cannabis and THC are classified as dangerous drugs under the Ordinance. Importation of products (including food and drinks) containing cannabis or THC into Hong Kong is prohibited unless the relevant provisions in the Ordinance are complied with. In order to avoid breaching the law inadvertently, special attention should be paid to the packaging labels of food and drinks.

Under the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, any person who possesses any poison included in Part 1 of the Poisons List other than in accordance with provisions commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$100,000 and imprisonment for two years.

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

