

[Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (July 16) seized about 1.6 kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$1.7 million at Hong Kong International Airport.

A female passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Kharkiv, Ukraine yesterday. During customs clearance, the batch of suspected cocaine was found concealed inside the false compartment of her hand-carry suitcase. The woman was then arrested.

The arrested woman, aged 35, has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. She will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (July 18).

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.

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).

