

## [Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cocaine worth about \\$4.6 million \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (May 23) seized about 4.2 kilograms of suspected cocaine with an estimated market value of about \$4.6 million at Hong Kong International Airport.

A 63-year-old male passenger arrived in Hong Kong from São Paulo, Brazil, via Doha, Qatar, yesterday. During customs clearance, the batch of suspected cocaine was found concealed inside the false compartments of his hand-carried suitcase and briefcase. The man was then arrested.

An investigation is ongoing.

Customs will continue to apply a risk assessment approach and focus on selecting passengers from high-risk regions for clearance to combat transnational drug trafficking activities effectively.

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](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)).

