Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected counterfeit and smuggled goods (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 3 800 items of suspected counterfeit and smuggled goods with an estimated market value of about \$790,000 at Man Kam To Control Point on October 17.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers intercepted an incoming container truck at Man Kam To Control Point on that day. The batch of suspected counterfeit and smuggled goods, including shoes, handbags, belts, clothes and sunglasses, were found inside the container. The 62-year-old male driver was then arrested.

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

Under the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, any person who imports or exports any goods to which a forged trademark is applied commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for five years.

Under the Import and Export Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting unmanifested cargo is liable to a maximum fine of \$2 million and imprisonment for seven years.

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

