

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected counterfeit goods (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 18 000 items of suspected counterfeit goods with an estimated market value of about \$1 million at Shenzhen Bay Control Point on March 9.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers intercepted an incoming container truck at Shenzhen Bay Control Point on that day. The batch of suspected counterfeit goods, including watches, mobile phone cases, clothing, bags and shoes, etc., were found inside the container. The 29-year-old male driver was then arrested.

An 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.

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

