Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected counterfeit goods (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 12 000 suspected counterfeit goods with an estimated market value of about \$350,000 at Man Kam To Control Point on April 27.

Customs officers intercepted an incoming truck at Man Kam To Control Point on April 27. The batch of suspected counterfeit goods, including adapters, earphones and phone cases, were found inside the cargo compartment of the vehicle. The 61-year-old male driver was arrested.

Initial investigation revealed that the counterfeit goods were to be transhipped to the Netherlands by sea.

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

Hong Kong Customs will continue to strengthen co-operation with the European countries concerned to combat cross-boundary counterfeiting activities.

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).

