

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected counterfeit goods (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (December 19) seized a total of about 400 cartons of suspected counterfeit goods, including mobile phones and accessories, watches, clothing and handbags with an estimated market value of about \$4 million from a container at the Customs Cargo Examination Compound, River Trade Terminal, Tuen Mun.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers inspected a 40-foot container arriving in Hong Kong from Huangpu, the Mainland, destined for Uruguay. Upon inspection, Customs officers seized the batch of suspected counterfeit goods in the container.

Investigation is ongoing.

Under the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, any person who imports or exports any goods to which a forged trade mark 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).

