## <u>Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected</u> <u>counterfeit goods worth about \$1.1</u> <u>million (with photo)</u>

Hong Kong Customs on August 1 seized about 15 000 suspected counterfeit goods, with an estimated market value of about \$1.1 million, at the Inbound Cargo Examination Building of the Heung Yuen Wai Boundary Control Point.

Through risk assessment, Customs on that day inspected a truck declared as carrying cross border e-commerce goods and household goods arriving in Hong Kong from Dongguan, Guangdong. After the inspection, Customs officers found the batch of suspected counterfeit goods, including mobile phone cases, mobile phones, cables and clothes.

An initial investigation revealed that the batch of suspected counterfeit goods would be transshipped to overseas regions.

The investigation is ongoing.

Customs will continue to combat cross-boundary counterfeit goods activities with stringent enforcement action based on risk assessment and intelligence analysis.

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 (<u>crimereport@customs.gov.hk</u>) or online form (<u>eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002</u>).

