

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected counterfeit goods worth about 1.1 million (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs on January 20 seized about 9 400 suspected counterfeit goods with a total estimated market value of about \$1.1 million at the Shenzhen Bay Control Point.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers on that day intercepted an incoming lorry at the Shenzhen Bay Control Point. The batch of suspected counterfeit goods, including mobile phone accessories, watches, footwear, handbags and clothes, was found inside the cargo compartment of the lorry. A 44-year-old male driver was subsequently arrested.

An initial investigation revealed that the batch of suspected counterfeit goods would have been transhipped to overseas regions by the airfreight channel.

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

Customs will continue to strengthen co-operation with the Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies and take stringent enforcement action against cross-boundary counterfeit goods 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) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002).

