

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected counterfeit goods worth about \$1.6 million (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs on November 10 seized about 4 000 items of suspected counterfeit goods with an estimated market value of about \$1.6 million at the Tuen Mun River Trade Terminal Customs Cargo Examination Compound.

Through risk assessment, Customs on that day inspected a 40-foot container, declared as carrying daily necessities and arriving in Hong Kong from Nansha, Guangdong. After inspection, Customs officers found the batch of suspected counterfeit goods, including footwear, watches, clothes and mobile phones, therein.

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

An 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 (crimereport@customs.gov.hk) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002/).

