

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected dangerous drugs (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized a total of about 1.1 kilograms of suspected dangerous drugs with an estimated market value of about \$400,000 at Hong Kong International Airport, Kwun Tong and Yau Tong respectively on September 16 and today (September 28).

Customs officers inspected two air mail parcels arriving in Hong Kong from Belgium on September 16 and found about 1 kilogram of suspected 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine inside the parcels.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers today arrested a 24-year-old man suspected to be in connection with the case in Kwun Tong. A batch of suspected crack cocaine and another batch of suspected ketamine each weighed about 40 grams were seized inside his car. Customs officers then seized about 7 grams of suspected cannabis buds at his residential premises in Yau Tong.

Investigation is ongoing.

Customs will maintain close contact with Hongkong Post and the logistics industries to step up action against drug trafficking through postal parcel or express courier channels.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

Customs also reminds that cannabis and tetrahydro-cannabinol (THC) are classified as dangerous drugs under the Ordinance. Importation of products (including food and drinks) containing cannabis or THC into Hong Kong is prohibited unless the relevant provisions in the Ordinance are complied with. In order to avoid breaching the law inadvertently, special attention should be paid to the packaging labels of food and drinks.

Members of the public may report any suspected drug trafficking activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

