

[Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected dangerous drugs worth about \\$8.3 million \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs on March 11 and yesterday (March 12) conducted an anti-narcotics operation in Yuen Long and seized a total of about 28 kilograms of suspected dangerous drugs with a total estimated market value of about \$8.3 million. A man was arrested.

On the evening of March 11, Customs in Yuen Long intercepted a man who was getting off a taxi and found two suitcases inside the boot of the vehicle. About 19.2kg of suspected cannabis buds were concealed inside the suitcases. The 36-year-old man was subsequently arrested.

After a follow-up investigation, Customs yesterday escorted the arrested man to a residence in Yuen Long for a search. Inside the premises, Customs officers seized about 3kg of suspected cannabis resin, about 2.3kg of suspected methamphetamine, about 480 grams of suspected ketamine, about 3kg of assorted drugs and a batch of drug packaging paraphernalia.

An investigation is ongoing.

Customs reminds members of the public that cannabis, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and cannabidiol (CBD) are classified as dangerous drugs under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance. Importation of products (including food or drinks) containing cannabis, THC or CBD 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 those products.

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

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) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002/).

