

[Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected heroin worth about \\$4.7 million \(with photos\)](#)

â€‹Hong Kong Customs on August 7 seized about 5 kilograms of suspected heroin with an estimated market value of about \$4.7 million at Hong Kong International Airport.

Through risk assessment, Customs on that day inspected an air consignment, declared as carrying boxing accessories, arriving in Hong Kong from Thailand at the airport. Upon inspection, Customs officers found the batch of suspected heroin concealed inside 14 kick pads.

After a follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (August 9) arrested a 40-year-old man suspected to be connected with the case in North Point.

The arrested man has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug and will appear at the Eastern Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (August 11).

Customs reminds members of the public to stay alert and not to participate in drug trafficking activities for monetary return. They must not accept hiring or delegation from another party to carry controlled items in and out of Hong Kong. They are also reminded not to carry unknown items for other people, nor to release their personal data or home address to others for receiving parcels or goods.

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.

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).

