<u>Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected</u> <u>illegally imported e-cigarettes (with</u> <u>photo)</u>

Hong Kong Customs seized about 250 000 e-cigarettes, suspected of containing nicotine oil and without an import licence, with an estimated market value of about \$12.8 million at Man Kam To Control Point on August 17.

Customs officers intercepted an incoming container truck for inspection at Man Kam To Control Point in the afternoon on that day. After inspection, Customs officers seized the batch of e-cigarettes inside 516 carton boxes on board the truck.

The 58-year-old male driver was arrested. Investigation is ongoing.

Under the Import and Export Ordinance, any person who imports pharmaceutical products without a valid import licence commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for two years.

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

