

[Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected ketamine worth about \\$27.8 million \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 50 kilograms of suspected ketamine with an estimated market value of about \$27.8 million at Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) yesterday (June 5). Two men were subsequently arrested.

Customs officers yesterday inspected an air consignment, declared as carrying food items, arriving in Hong Kong from Pakistan at HKIA. The batch of suspected ketamine was found concealed inside packages of spices mixed-loaded with other food items in three out of ten carton boxes.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday arrested two men, aged 19 and 41, suspected to be in connection with the case at HKIA.

Investigation is ongoing.

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 into 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).

