## Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected nicotine oil without import licence (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 228 litres and 16 000 cartridges of suspected nicotine oil without an import licence with an estimated market value of about \$1.5 million at Lok Ma Chau Control Point on July 1.

Customs officers intercepted an incoming container truck at Lok Ma Chau Control Point for inspection in the afternoon on July 1 and seized the batch of suspected nicotine oil without an import licence.

The 66-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 (<a href="mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk">crimereport@customs.gov.hk</a>).

