

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected smuggled CPUs worth about \$12 million (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs on June 11 detected a suspected smuggling case involving a private vehicle at the Shenzhen Bay Control Point and seized 596 suspected smuggled CPUs with an estimated market value of about \$12 million.

Based on risk assessment, Customs on that day intercepted an outgoing private vehicle at the control point. Upon an X-ray examination, Customs officers spotted irregularities in the image of the trunk of the vehicle. The batch of suspected smuggled CPUs were found concealed inside the false compartments of both sides of the rear and the trunk of the vehicle.

Customs arrested a 51-year-old male driver. An investigation is ongoing and the likelihood of further arrests is not ruled out.

Customs will continue to combat cross-boundary smuggling activities with firm enforcement action based on risk assessment and intelligence analysis.

Smuggling is a serious offence. Under the Import and Export Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting unmanifested cargo is liable to a maximum fine of \$2 million and imprisonment for seven 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) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002).

