

[Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected smuggled dried fish maws, tobacco products and pharmaceutical products worth about \\$2 million \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (March 21) detected a suspected smuggling case involving a medium goods vehicle at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port. A batch of suspected smuggled goods, including about 25 kilograms of dried fish maws, about 127kg of tobacco products and about 3 500 boxes of pharmaceutical products, with a total estimated market value of about \$2 million, were seized.

Based on risk assessment, Customs yesterday intercepted an outgoing medium goods vehicle at the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Hong Kong Port. Upon inspection, Customs officers found the batch of unmanifested cargo items inside the vehicle.

A 44-year-old male driver was arrested and charged with one count of attempting to export unmanifested cargo. The case will be brought up at the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (March 23).

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/).

