

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected smuggled electronic goods and cosmetics (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (July 5) seized a batch of suspected smuggled goods at Lok Ma Chau Control Point, including over 2 200 central processing units, over 1 000 computer RAM units, about 630 smartphones and about 70 items of cosmetics, with a total estimated market value of about \$4 million.

Customs officers intercepted an outgoing container truck at Lok Ma Chau Control Point for inspection yesterday. The batch of suspected smuggled goods was found in 10 cartons mix-loaded with a batch of manifested electronic parts, which was also packed in cartons, inside the container. The 57-year-old male driver was then arrested.

Investigation is ongoing.

Customs will continue to take stringent enforcement action against cross-boundary smuggling activities through 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).

