

Hong Kong Customs smashes counterfeit mobile phone and accessories storehouse (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs conducted a cross-boundary anti-counterfeiting operation codenamed "Adam" in August, smashing a suspected counterfeit mobile phone and accessories storehouse and seizing three export consignments containing suspected counterfeit mobile phones. A total of about 15 000 suspected counterfeit mobile phones and accessories with an estimated market value of about \$1.9 million were seized.

Customs earlier received information alleging that a logistics company in Sha Tin exported suspected counterfeit mobile phones and accessories to overseas. After an in-depth investigation with the assistance of the trademark owner, Customs officers first intercepted two export consignments, destined for European countries, containing suspected counterfeit mobile phones. Customs then raided the company's storehouse inside an industrial building in the district and seized another batch of suspected counterfeit mobile phones and accessories on August 30.

During the operation, a 30-year-old male manager of the company was arrested. Investigation is ongoing.

Hong Kong Customs will continue to monitor suspicious logistics companies and strengthen co-operation with the Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies to curb cross-boundary counterfeit goods activities.

Under the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, any person who imports or exports any goods to which a forged trademark is applied commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for five years.

Members of the public may report any suspected counterfeiting activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).



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