Hong Kong Customs teams up with Mainland and Macao Customs to combat cross-boundary counterfeit goods transshipment activities (with photo)

â€‹Hong Kong Customs conducted a one-month joint operation with Mainland and Macao Customs from April 22 to yesterday (May 22) to combat cross-boundary counterfeiting activities in the three places and with goods destined for overseas countries. During the operation, Hong Kong Customs seized about 32 000 items of suspected counterfeit goods with an estimated market value of about $13.5 million.

This was the first joint operation mounted this year, during which the three Customs administrations have stepped up inspection of goods across the three places and destined for North America, Europe, Southeast Asia, Japan and elsewhere to effectively curb cross-boundary counterfeit goods transshipment activities. The suspected counterfeit goods seized by Hong Kong Customs included sports shoes, handbags, mobile phone accessories, watches, sunglasses and clothes.

Hong Kong Customs will continue to work closely with Mainland Customs, Macao Customs and overseas law enforcement agencies to combat cross-boundary counterfeit goods transshipping activities vigorously through intelligence exchanges and joint enforcement actions.

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).