

Hong Kong Customs teams up with Mainland Customs to combat cross-boundary counterfeit goods activities (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs and the Mainland Customs conducted a joint operation from April 1 to yesterday (April 14) to combat cross-boundary counterfeit goods activities with goods destined for European countries. During the operation, Hong Kong Customs seized about 4 200 items of suspected counterfeit goods with an estimated market value of about \$1 million.

Hong Kong Customs and the Mainland Customs stepped up inspection of goods destined for European countries during the operation and Hong Kong Customs seized about 4 200 items of suspected counterfeit goods, including mobile phones, watches, footwear and clothes, effectively curbing cross-boundary counterfeit goods activities.

Hong Kong Customs and the Mainland Customs have been working closely to combat cross-boundary counterfeiting activities through intelligence exchanges and joint enforcement actions. Hong Kong Customs will continue to collaborate closely with the Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies targeting cross-boundary counterfeiting activities.

Under the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, any person who imports or exports counterfeit goods 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).

