

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

Hong Kong Customs and Mainland Customs conducted a joint operation from August 27 to September 9 targeting cross-boundary counterfeit medicine activities. During the operation, Hong Kong Customs seized about 5 000 tablets of suspected counterfeit medicines with an estimated market value of about \$250,000.

The two Customs administrations stepped up inspection of postal parcels during the operation and Hong Kong Customs seized the suspected counterfeit medicines, effectively curbing cross-boundary counterfeit medicine activities.

Hong Kong Customs and 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 any goods with any forged trademark 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 the Customs 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

