

# Suspected methamphetamine worth about \$300 million seized in Hong Kong Customs record haul (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs made a record seizure of suspected methamphetamine (commonly known as "ice"), following the discovery of over 500 kilograms of the drug with an estimated market value of about \$300 million at the Tsing Yi Customs Cargo Examination Compound on October 29.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers on that day examined a 40-foot transshipment container that was declared as a consignment of 1 168 bags of cement. The container earlier departed from Mexico and arrived in Vietnam via Korea. Later, it arrived in Hong Kong and was destined for Australia through Singapore.

After a search, Customs officers found two vacuum-packed cartons hidden in each of 251 cement-loaded bags in the consignment. Two bags, each carrying about 500 grams of suspected "ice", were found in each carton.

Investigation is ongoing.

Under the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, trafficking in a dangerous drug is a serious offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$5 million and life imprisonment.

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



