

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected smuggled golf products (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (August 23) seized 103 suspected unmanifested golf clubs with an estimated market value of about \$500,000 at Man Kam To Control Point and an industrial building unit in Yuen Long.

Customs officers intercepted an outgoing private car at Man Kam To Control Point yesterday afternoon and first seized 11 golf clubs on board, that were suspected to be unmanifested items smuggling out by the "ants-move-home" tactic.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers further seized 92 golf clubs at an industrial building unit in Yuen Long.

A 45-year-old man was arrested.

Investigation is ongoing.

Smuggling is a serious offence. Under the Import and Export Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting unmanifested cargo is liable to a maximum fine of \$2 million and imprisonment for seven years.

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



Chai Wan Public Fill Barging Point closed

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

The Civil Engineering and Development Department today (August 24) announced that as the Standby Signal No. 1 has been issued by the Hong Kong Observatory, the Chai Wan Public Fill Barging Point will be closed at 4.45pm until further notice.

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected scheduled dried shark fin and dried seahorse (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (August 23) seized about 180 kilograms of suspected scheduled dried shark fin and 500 grams of suspected scheduled dried seahorse with an estimated market value of about \$50,000 at Hong Kong International Airport.

Customs officers intercepted three male passengers arriving in Hong Kong from Manila, the Philippines, at the airport yesterday afternoon.

During Customs clearance, the batch of suspected scheduled dried shark fin and dried seahorse was found inside their check-in baggage. The three men, aged between 21 and 38, were then arrested.

The case has been handed over to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for follow-up action.

Under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting an endangered species without a licence is liable to a maximum fine of \$10 million and imprisonment for 10 years.

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



Marine Department announcement

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

As Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.1 has been issued, the Marine Department reminds vessel owners, masters and persons-in-charge of vessels that they should take precautionary measures immediately and properly secure their vessels at safe locations.

In case of an accident, a report should be made immediately to the Vessel Traffic Centre at 2233 7801.

Lifesaving services at Golden Beach resume

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has announced that the lifesaving services at Golden Beach in Tuen Mun District resumed today

(August 24). The lifesaving services at the beach were suspended earlier due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty.