

# Hong Kong Customs detects case of non-registered precious metals and stones dealer carrying out specified transactions

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (March 27) detected a case involving a local company that conducted multiple transactions of precious stones and diamond jewellery, with each transaction valued at over HK\$120,000, without registration under the Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones Regulatory Regime. A director of the company was arrested.

The investigation is ongoing. The arrested person has been released on bail pending further investigation.

According to the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Ordinance (Cap. 615), the Regime came into effect on April 1, 2023. Any person who is seeking to carry on a business of dealing in precious metals and stones in Hong Kong and engage in any transaction(s) (whether making or receiving a payment) with a total value at or above HK\$120,000 in Hong Kong is required to register with the Commissioner of Customs and Excise. Any dealer, other than a registrant, who claims to be a registrant, claims to be authorised to carry out, or carries out any cash or non-cash transaction(s) with a total value at or above HK\$120,000 is liable to a maximum fine of HK\$100,000 and imprisonment for six months upon conviction.

Hong Kong Customs reminds all dealers that the transitional period for registration under the Regime has ended. Any dealers in precious metals and stones must obtain the relevant registration before they can carry out any cash or non-cash transaction(s) with a total value at or above HK\$120,000.

For the forms, procedures and guidelines to submit applications for registration, please visit the website for Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones Registration System ([www.drs.customs.gov.hk](http://www.drs.customs.gov.hk)) or Hong Kong Customs' webpage ([www.customs.gov.hk/en/service-enforcement-information/anti-money-laundering/supervision-of-dealers-in-precious-metals-and-ston/index.html](http://www.customs.gov.hk/en/service-enforcement-information/anti-money-laundering/supervision-of-dealers-in-precious-metals-and-ston/index.html)).

Members of the public may report any suspected transactions involving precious metals and stones with a total value at or above HK\$120,000 conducted without the required registration to Customs' 24-hour hotline 182 8080 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account ([crimereport@customs.gov.hk](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)) or online form ([eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002](http://eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002)).

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## **Import of poultry eggs from areas in India suspended**

â€‹The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department announced today (March 28) that in view of a notification from the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) about outbreaks of highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza in West Godavari District, East Godavari District and Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh State in India, the CFS has instructed the trade to suspend the import of poultry eggs from the above-mentioned areas with immediate effect to protect public health in Hong Kong.

A CFS spokesman said that Hong Kong has currently established a protocol with India for the import of poultry eggs but not for poultry meat. According to the Census and Statistics Department, no eggs were imported into Hong Kong from India last year.

"The CFS has contacted the Indian authority over the issue and will closely monitor information issued by the WOAH and the relevant authorities on the avian influenza outbreaks. Appropriate action will be taken in response to the development of the situation," the spokesman said.

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## **SCED continues visit to Beijing (with photos)**

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Algernon Yau, continued his visit to Beijing today (March 28).

Mr Yau visited a renowned pop cultural entertainment company on the Mainland and toured its thematic park this morning. Specialising in popular intellectual property (IP) artistic toys, the company has successfully commercialised IP in cultural and creative industries, with a number of products gaining popularity both domestically and globally. Mr Yau also met with representatives of the company to learn about its operation and the development of IP products on the Mainland.

Noting that the effective protection and efficient transaction of IP is crucial to promoting the development of cultural and creative industries as well as technological innovation, Mr Yau said that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government is taking forward a series of initiatives to protect the fruits of innovation and creativity to promote IP trading and strengthen training of IP talent, thereby pressing ahead with the development

of Hong Kong into a regional IP trading centre.

In the afternoon, Mr Yau met with representatives of the China Alcoholic Drinks Association to promote Hong Kong's immense opportunities for wine merchants following the deduction in liquor duty. He said that the two-tier system announced in last October's Policy Address has effectively promoted high-end liquor trade, with increases recorded in both the quantity and value of liquor imported.

He pointed out that Mainland wine and liquor products, especially Chinese baijiu, are highly regarded in the global market in recent years, showing great market potential and room for growth. He added that Hong Kong could serve as a key hub for trading and distribution of high-end liquor, including Chinese baijiu, and Mainland wine merchants are encouraged to use Hong Kong as a platform for Chinese baijiu to go global.

Mr Yau will return to Hong Kong tomorrow afternoon (March 29).



**Special traffic arrangements for Ching**

# Ming Festival

Police will implement special traffic arrangements in various districts during the Ching Ming Festival period to facilitate grave sweepers, and to ensure smooth vehicular traffic movements and pedestrian safety.

## Hong Kong Island

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### (1) Chai Wan

#### A. Road closure

Cape Collinson Road east of Lin Shing Road is designated as a private car and light goods vehicle prohibited zone from 7am to 3pm daily between March 28 and April 27, except for vehicles with permit.

#### Phase I

The following roads will be closed from 7am to 5pm daily on March 29 and 30, and April 5, 6, 12 and 13:

- Southbound Lin Shing Road, except for franchised buses, green minibus (GMB) routes 16A, 16M, 16X and 18M, taxis, hearses, funeral vehicles, vehicles with permit, and vehicles heading to Wan Tsui Estate and Lin Tsui Estate;
- Northbound Lin Shing Road, except for GMB route 18M, hearses, funeral vehicles and vehicles with permit;
- Cape Collinson Road east of Lin Shing Road, except for GMB route 18M, taxis, hearses, funeral vehicles and vehicles with permit;
- Cape Collinson Road west of Lin Shing Road, except for franchised buses, GMB routes 16A, 16M and 16X, taxis, hearses, funeral vehicles and vehicles with permit;
- The slip road leading from Cape Collinson Road to the Garden of Remembrance and the crematorium, except for hearses and vehicles carrying passengers to services at the Crematorium; and
- The slip road leading to Chai Wan Chinese Permanent Cemetery.

#### Phase II

The following roads will be closed from 7am to 5pm on April 4:

- Lin Shing Road, except for franchised buses, GMB routes 16A, 16M and 16X, hearses, funeral vehicles, vehicles with permit, and vehicles heading to Wan Tsui Estate and Lin Tsui Estate;
- Cape Collinson Road east of Lin Shing Road, except for hearses, funeral vehicles and vehicles with permit;
- Cape Collinson Road west of Lin Shing Road, except for franchised buses, GMB routes 16A, 16M and 16X, hearses, funeral vehicles and vehicles with permit;
- The slip road leading from Cape Collinson Road to the Garden of Remembrance and the crematorium, except for hearses and vehicles carrying passengers to

services at the crematorium;

- The slip road leading to Chai Wan Chinese Permanent Cemetery; and
- Wan Tsui Lane, except for vehicles heading to Hing Wah Plaza.

#### B. Traffic diversions

- Traffic along eastbound Wan Tsui Road between Fei Tsui Road and Lin Shing Road cannot turn right to Lin Shing Road during the above road closures; and
- Cape Collinson Road between its slip road to the crematorium and Shek O Road will be re-routed one-way westbound during the above road closures and the operation hours of Citybus route 388.

#### C. No parking

During the above road closures, no parking will be permitted along the following roads:

- Wan Tsui Road;
- Lin Shing Road;
- Cape Collinson Road; and
- Shek O Road between Tai Tam Gap Correctional Institution and Tai Tam Road.

With the exception of access to Wan Tsui Estate and Lin Tsui Estate, all red minibuses, private cars, goods vehicles, motorcycles, motor tricycles and pedal cycles cannot enter Lin Shing Road during the above road closures, while taxis cannot enter Lin Shing Road during Phase II.

#### (2) Pok Fu Lam

Depending on traffic conditions, Consort Rise between Victoria Road and Bisney Road will be re-routed one-way southbound from 7am to 5.30pm daily on March 29 and 30, and April 4 to 6, 12, 13 and 18 to 21.

Four metered parking spaces (metered parking spaces No. 3941A, 3941B, 3942A and 3942B) and three motorcycle parking spaces at Victoria Road near Consort Rise will be suspended from 7am to 5.30pm daily on March 29 and 30, and April 4 to 6, 12 and 13.

#### (3) Aberdeen

Depending on traffic conditions, Peel Rise in the vicinity of the Aberdeen Chinese Permanent Cemetery and the slip road from Shek Pai Wan Road leading to the Aberdeen Chinese Permanent Cemetery will be closed during the following time periods:

- From 7.30am to 5.30pm daily on March 29 and 30, and April 5, 6, 12, 13 and 18 to 21; and
- From 7.30am to 6.30pm on April 4.

#### Kowloon

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#### (1) Tseung Kwan O

The access road at Ko Chiu Road leading to Tseung Kwan O Chinese Permanent Cemetery will be closed from 5.30am to 6pm daily on March 29, and April 5, 12, 13, 18 to 21, 26 and 27, and May 1, except for special route No. 14S of Kowloon Motor Bus, hearses, funeral vehicles and vehicles with permit.

The above road will be closed from 5.30am to 8pm daily on March 30, and April 4 and 6.

Grave sweepers can access the cemetery on foot via the BMCPC Footpath opposite MTR Tiu Keng Leng Station or the access road on Ko Chiu Road. Individuals requiring wheelchair access should enter the cemetery via the Ko Chiu Road entrance.

## (2) Sai Kung

Mang Kung Wo Road will be closed from 8am to 5pm daily on March 29 and 30, and April 4 to 6, 12 and 13, except for vehicles with permit.

## (3) Diamond Hill

The following special arrangements will be implemented from 7am to 6pm daily on March 29 and 30, and April 4, 5, 6, 12 and 13:

### A. Road closure

– The access road leading to the Diamond Hill Crematorium; the access road between the Diamond Hill Funeral Parlour and the CLP Power substation; and the access road adjacent to the Diamond Hill Funeral Parlour leading to Sze Chen Hall, except for hearses and funeral vehicles.

– Yuk Hok Lane and Yuk Wah Street east of Tsz Wan Shan Road, except for private cars and taxis.

### B. Traffic diversions

– Vehicles must follow southbound Po Kong Village Road downhill for entering or leaving Fung Shing Street or Fu Shan Estate car park;

– Vehicles must follow northbound Po Kong Village Road uphill for entering or leaving Grand View Garden car park;

– Vehicles from eastbound Po Kong Village Road can turn to westbound Yuk Wah Street via the easternmost traffic lane of Tsz Wan Shan (South) Bus Terminus;

– Traffic along westbound Fung Shing Street cannot turn right to northbound Po Kong Village Road uphill;

– Traffic along northbound Po Kong Village Road uphill cannot turn right to eastbound Fung Shing Street;

– Vehicles from Grand View Garden car park cannot turn right to southbound Po Kong Village Road downhill;

– Traffic along southbound Po Kong Village Road downhill cannot turn right to Grand View Garden car park;

– Vehicles from Fu Shan Estate car park cannot turn right to northbound Po Kong Village Road uphill;

– Traffic along northbound Po Kong Village Road uphill cannot turn right to Fu Shan Estate car park;

- Traffic along southbound Po Kong Village Road downhill cannot turn right to Po Kong Village Road School Village car park;
- Vehicles from Po Kong Village Road School Village car park cannot turn right to southbound Po Kong Village Road downhill;
- Traffic along southbound Po Kong Village Road downhill cannot turn right to the unnamed road opposite to Po Leung Lane;
- Traffic along the unnamed road opposite to Po Leung Lane cannot turn right to southbound Po Kong Village Road downhill; and
- Traffic along Yuk Wah Crescent cannot turn right to eastbound Yuk Wah Street.

#### C. Suspension of parking spaces

Metered parking spaces on the unnamed road between the Diamond Hill Funeral Parlour and the CLP Power substation, and motorcycle parking spaces at Yuk Wah Street near Yuk Hok Lane will be suspended.

#### D. Passenger pick-up and drop-off points

The temporary pick-up and drop-off point for private cars will be located at westbound Yuk Wah Street near Yuk Hok Lane.

Po Kong Village Road School Village car park will be closed and designated as taxi and private car drop-off point from 7am to 6pm daily on March 30, and April 4 and 6.

#### (4) Cheung Sha Wan

The following special traffic arrangements will be implemented on March 29 and 30, and April 4 to 6, 12 and 13:

##### A. Road closure (daily from 7am to 7pm)

Wing Ming Street and the unnamed road between Wing Ming Street and Saint Raphael's Catholic Cemetery will be closed, except for hearses, funeral vehicles, vehicles of the cemetery staff and those with permits.

##### B. No stopping or parking

- Parking will be prohibited on Yu Chau West Street between Castle Peak Road and King Lam Street daily from 7am to 7pm;
- Vehicles are prohibited to pick up or drop off passengers along Yu Chau West Street near Wing Ming Street (outside "83 Wing Hong Street"); and
- Stopping or parking will be prohibited on Ching Cheung Road daily from 7am to 7pm.

##### C. Suspension of parking spaces (daily from 7am to 7pm)

All on-street parking spaces on Yu Chau West Street, Tai Nan West Street, King Lam Street between Yu Chau West Street and Tai Nan West Street, and Wing Hong Street between Yu Chau West Street and Tai Nan West Street will be suspended.

Members of the public should access Saint Raphael's Catholic Cemetery via the subway across Ching Cheung Road from the end of the unnamed road between Wing Ming Street and the cemetery. No parking facilities in the cemetery will be open for public use.

## New Territories

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### (1) Wo Hop Shek

The following special traffic arrangements will be implemented daily on March 29 and 30, and April 4 to 6, 12, 13, and 18 to 21:

#### A. Road closure (daily from 6am to 5pm)

- Kiu Tau Road, except for hearses, coaches conveying people attending services at the crematorium, vehicles of the undertakers and franchised buses;
- Ming Yin Road, except for franchised buses;
- Wo Ka Lau Road; and
- All access roads within Wo Hop Shek Cemetery.

#### B. Traffic diversions

- Traffic along northbound Pak Wo Road near Fung Ying Seen Koon cannot turn right to southbound Pak Wo Road; and
- Traffic along southbound Pak Wo Road near MTR Fanling Station cannot turn right to the car park on Pak Wo Road near Fung Ying Seen Koon.

#### C. Suspension of parking spaces (daily from 7am to 5pm)

- The car park on Wo Hing Road near Wah Ming Road roundabout, except for taxis;
- The car park on Pak Wo Road near Fung Ying Seen Koon, except for the disabled parking spaces and public buses of the residents' service route No. NR112. Depending on the prevailing situation, vehicles with elderly and disabled passengers may be allowed to use the car park for boarding shuttle buses that are heading for Wo Hop Shek Cemetery;
- Parking spaces on Wah Ming Lane; and
- Parking spaces at Ming Yin Road between Wo Hop Shek Cemetery Office and Kiu Tau Road.

### (2) Sandy Ridge

The Frontier Closed Area from MTR Lo Wu Station to Lo Wu Station Road is open to grave sweepers from 6am to 6pm daily between March 28 and April 20.

The following roads will be closed from 6am to 6pm daily on March 29 and 30, and April 4 to 6, 12, 13 and 18 to 20:

- Lo Wu Station Road, from its junction with Man Kam To Road to a point approximately 280 metres west, near the cemetery management office, except for vehicles of Lo Wu Village residents and those permitted to use the MTR Lo

Wu Station car park; and

– Sha Ling Road, except for vehicles of Sha Ling residents.

### (3) Castle Peak

The following traffic arrangements will be implemented from 7am to 7pm daily on March 29 and 30, and April 4 to 6, 12 and 13:

#### A. Road closure

– Tsing San Path; and  
– The access roads leading to Ching Chung Koon and Ching Chung Sin Yuen.

#### B. Traffic diversions

– Tsing Chung Koon Road between Tsing Lun Road and San Fuk Road will be re-routed one-way northbound; and  
– San Fuk Road between Leung Shun Street and Tsing Chung Koon Road will be re-routed one-way westbound.

#### C. No parking

No parking will be permitted along the following roads:

– San Fuk Road;  
– Tsing Chung Koon Road between Tsing Chung Path and San Fuk Road;  
– Tsing Lun Road between Tsun Wen Road and the northern vehicle entrance of Tuen Mun Hospital; and  
– Southbound Tsun Wen Road between Tsing Lun Road and San Fuk Road.

#### D. Passenger pick-up and drop-off points

Three temporary pick-up and drop-off points will be set up at northbound Tsing Chung Koon Road opposite to Castle Peak Hospital, northbound Tsing Chung Koon Road opposite to Tuen Mun Hospital, and westbound Tsing Lun Road outside Tuen Mun Hospital.

### (4) Tsang Tsui

Nim Wan Road between Yung Long Road and the access road to Tsang Tsui Columbarium will be closed from 7am to 7pm daily on March 29 and 30, and April 4 to 6, 12 and 13, except for franchised buses, MTR buses, taxis, vehicles heading for West New Territories Landfill and T·PARK, and vehicles with permit.

### (5) Kwai Tsing

Wing Yin Street and Wing Hau Street will be closed from 7am to 5pm daily on March 29, and April 5, 12 and 13, except for hearses and franchised buses.

The following traffic arrangements will be implemented from 7am to 5pm daily on March 30, and April 4 and 6, and when necessary:

- Southbound Wing Tak Street between the entrance of City Point and Wing Shun Street, Wing Yin Street, and Wing Shun Street between Wing Tak Street and Kwai Hei Street will be closed, except for hearses, franchised buses, taxis and GMBs;
- Wing Kei Road between Kwai Hei Street and Wing Kin Road will be re-routed one-way southbound. Vehicles cannot travel via Kwai Hei Street for Wing Kei Road; and
- Wing Hau Street will be closed.

## (6) Tsuen Wan

### A. Road closure

Lo Wai Road between Lo Wai Pai Lau and Yuen Yuen Institute will be closed from 8am to 6pm daily on March 29 and 30, and April 4 to 6 and 13, except for franchised buses, taxis, GMB route 81 and vehicles with permit.

### B. Suspension of parking spaces

During the above road closure, all metered parking spaces on Lo Wai Road near Yi Pei Chun Road and former Lo Wai Bus Terminus will be suspended from 8am to 6pm daily on March 29 and 30, and April 4 to 6 and 13. Also, all metered parking spaces on Lo Wai Road outside Yuen Yuen Institute will be suspended from 8am to 6pm daily on March 29 and 30, and April 4 to 6, 12 and 13.

## (7) Sha Tin

### A. Road closure and traffic diversions

The following roads will be closed between 7am and 6pm daily on March 29 and 30, and April 4 to 6, 12 and 13:

- Lower Shing Mun Road between Yau On Street and Fu Shan Crematorium, Yau On Street and Yau Ting Street, except for hearses, funeral vehicles, GMB route 64K, and vehicles of residents of Pak Tin Areas 2 to 5 and Lakeview Garden; and
- Pai Tau Street west of its junction with Sheung Wo Che Road.

To Fung Shan Road north of its junction with Pak Lok Path will be closed between 9am and 5pm daily on March 29 to 30, and April 4 to 6, 12 and 13, except for vehicles serving residents and people working in To Fung Shan. To Fung Shan Road between Chung Ling Road and Pak Lok Path will be converted into one-lane two-way traffic between 9am and 5pm daily on March 29 and 30, and April 4 to 6.

### B. Suspension of parking spaces

All metered parking spaces on Yau On Street and Lower Shing Mun Road will be suspended from 7am to 6pm daily on March 29 and 30, and April 4 to 6, 12 and 13.

## (8) Lantau Island

The following special arrangements will be implemented from 6am to 6pm daily on March 29 and 30, and April 4 to 6:

- The closed Tung Chung Road between Shek Mun Kap Road and South Lantau Road will be temporarily opened to traffic; and
- Others roads on south Lantau will remain closed, except for vehicles with permit.

During the implementation of the special traffic arrangements, any vehicles found illegally parked within the precincts mentioned above will be towed away without prior warning, and may be subject to multiple ticketing.

Police will implement the above arrangements subject to traffic and crowd conditions in the area. Members of the public are advised to exercise tolerance and patience and take heed of instructions of the Police on site.

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## **Postal services to Myanmar subject to delay**

â€‹ Hongkong Post announced today (March 28) that, due to the impact of an earthquake, mail delivery services to Myanmar are subject to delay.