

Hong Kong Customs to publicise Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones Regulatory Regime at jewellery exhibition (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs will set up a booth at the Hong Kong International Diamond, Gem & Pearl Show, to be held at the AsiaWorld-Expo from tomorrow (March 2) for five consecutive days to publicise the Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones Regulatory Regime, and will provide on-site counter services to assist non-Hong Kong dealers in submitting cash transaction reports during their participation in the exhibition.

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 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 Hong Kong Customs and fulfil his/her anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing statutory obligations as appropriate. All dealers in precious metals and stones must obtain a 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 non-Hong Kong dealers fulfilling the prescribed conditions (including those who come to Hong Kong to participate in exhibitions), although they are exempt from registration, they are required to submit to Hong Kong Customs a cash transaction report for any cash transaction(s) (whether making or receiving a payment) with a total value at or above HK\$120,000 carried out in Hong Kong within one day after the transaction, or before the dealer or the person acting on behalf of the dealer leaves Hong Kong, whichever is earlier.

Non-Hong Kong dealers can make an online submission of a cash transaction report via the Regime's webpage at www.drs.customs.gov.hk by accessing the Dealers in Precious Metals and Stones Registration System. They can also download the related form at www.drs.customs.gov.hk/download/drsform/CED418_Form%208_Cash%20transaction%20report.pdf and then submit the report in person at Hong Kong Customs' booth in the exhibition.

The Hong Kong Customs' booth (Booth 5-M04) is located at Hall 5 of AsiaWorld-Expo and will be open from 10.30am to 6.30pm on March 2, from 10am to 6.30pm between March 3 and 5, and from 10am to 5.30pm on March 6.

Dealers can visit the website (www.customs.gov.hk/en/service-enforcement-information/anti-money-laundering/supervision-of-dealers-in-precious-metals-and-ston/index.html) for more

information about the Regime.



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Sick person in custody dies in public hospital

â€‹A sick 62-year-old male person in custody at Tai Lam Correctional Institution died in a public hospital today (March 1).

The person in custody had a chronic drug abuse history. On February 28, he was sent to a public hospital for treatment due to physical discomfort. During hospitalisation, his condition deteriorated and he was certified dead at 11.37am today.

The case has been reported to the Police. A death inquest will be held by the Coroner's Court.

The person in custody was sentenced to imprisonment for the offence of theft from vehicle in February 2025.

Correctional officers intercept smuggling of suspected dangerous drug into Tai Lam Centre for Women

â€‹Correctional officers at Tai Lam Centre for Women today (March 1) intercepted a female remand person in custody smuggling suspected dangerous drugs into the centre by concealing them inside her body.

The 25-year-old remand person in custody was remanded for the offence of

trafficking in a dangerous drug on February 18. After undergoing X-ray body scanning, she was suspected to have swallowed the dangerous drug before admission. She was therefore separated and put under close monitoring. After discharging a pack of suspected dangerous drug wrapped in a plastic sheet last Friday (February 21), she further discharged three packs of suspected dangerous drug which were wrapped in plastic sheets and weighed about 38 grams in total at 11.02am today.

The case has been reported to the Police for follow-up.

A spokesman for the Correctional Services Department said, "The department takes every measure to stop the introduction of dangerous drugs or unauthorised articles into correctional institutions in order to maintain good order and discipline, and a drug-free environment for all persons in custody."