

# Hong Kong Customs detects four sea smuggling cases with goods worth about \$355 million seized (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs on March 1 and 3 detected four sea smuggling cases involving ocean-going vessels and a river trade vessel at the Kwai Chung Container Terminals and the Tsing Yi Customs Cargo Examination Compound. A large batch of suspected smuggled electronic goods with a total estimated market value of about \$355 million was seized.

Through intelligence analysis and risk assessment, Customs officers on March 1 and 3 identified three ocean-going vessels preparing to depart from Hong Kong for Korea, Thailand and Malaysia, and a river trade vessel destined for Guangxi, for inspection. A large batch of suspected smuggled electronic goods, including integrated circuits, monitors, routers, tablets and vehicle spare parts, was seized inside four containers on board the vessels.

An investigation is ongoing. The likelihood of arrests is not ruled out.

Customs is the primary law enforcement agency responsible for tackling smuggling activities and has long been combating various smuggling activities on all fronts. Customs will keep up its enforcement action and continue to resolutely combat sea smuggling activities through proactive risk management and intelligence-based enforcement strategies, and carry out targeted anti-smuggling operations at suitable times to crack down on related crimes.

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 upon conviction.

Members of the public may report any suspected smuggling activities 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)).

