

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected cannabis buds and suspected methamphetamine (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs detected two suspected cases of drug trafficking on August 2 and 3 in which about one kilogram of suspected cannabis buds and about 2.2 kilograms of suspected methamphetamine with an estimated market value of about \$1.42 million in total were seized at the Hong Kong International Airport.

In the first case, Customs officers inspected an air mail parcel from the United States on August 2 and seized about one kilogram of suspected cannabis buds from a carton box inside.

Subsequent to follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday (August 4) arrested a 17-year-old man in Kowloon City who is suspected to be involved in the case. The arrested man has been released on bail pending further investigation.

In the second case, a female passenger arrived in Hong Kong from Nairobi, Kenya via Dubai, United Arab Emirates in the afternoon on August 3. Upon examination of her check-in baggage, Customs officers seized about 2.2 kilograms of suspected methamphetamine in chocolate look. The seized drug carries an estimated market value of about \$1.2 million.

The woman, aged 29, was arrested immediately and has been charged with one count of trafficking in a dangerous drug. She will appear at West Kowloon Magistrates' Courts tomorrow (August 6).

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

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

