

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected counterfeit goods (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 3 200 suspected counterfeit goods with an estimated market value of about \$520,000 at the Hong Kong Port of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) on March 16. This is the first ever case of smuggling of suspected counterfeit goods by cross-boundary truck at the HZMB Hong Kong Port.

Customs officers intercepted an incoming truck at the HZMB Hong Kong Port on March 16. A total of about 3 200 suspected counterfeit goods, including watches, footwear, clothing and leather goods, were found inside the cargo compartment of the vehicle. A 60-year-old male driver was arrested.

Investigation is ongoing and the arrested man has been released on bail pending further investigation.

Under the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, any person who imports or exports any goods to which a forged trademark is applied commits an offence. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$500,000 and imprisonment for five years.

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

