

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected counterfeit goods worth about \$5.8 million (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs on January 28 conducted an operation against counterfeiting activities in Yuen Long and seized about 11 000 suspected counterfeit items, including scarves and clothing, with an estimated market value of about \$5.8 million.

Acting upon intelligence, Customs officers on that day inspected three batches of temporarily stored goods in two logistics warehouses in Yuen Long, uncovering the batch of suspected counterfeit goods.

The case is still under investigation. The likelihood of arrests is not ruled out.

Customs will continue to step up inspections and conduct intelligence-led enforcement to vigorously combat counterfeit and infringing goods activities at different levels.

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 or infringing activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 182 8080 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002).

