

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected counterfeit goods worth about \$6 million (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs on September 9 seized about 25 000 suspected counterfeit goods with a total estimated market value of about \$6 million at the Kwai Chung Container Terminals.

Through risk assessment, Customs on that day inspected a 40-foot container arriving in Hong Kong from Nansha, Guangdong, destined for Chile. Upon inspection, Customs officers seized the batch of suspected counterfeit goods, including sunglasses, handbags and wallets, in the container.

An investigation is ongoing.

Customs will continue to strengthen co-operation with the Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies and take stringent enforcement action against cross-boundary counterfeit goods activities.

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) or online form (eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/ced002).

