

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected counterfeit mobile phones and accessories (with photo)

â€‹Hong Kong Customs seized a total of about 6 000 items of suspected counterfeit mobile phones and accessories with an estimated market value of about \$6 million at Shenzhen Bay Control Point on May 22.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers intercepted an incoming truck at Shenzhen Bay Control Point on that day. The batch of suspected counterfeit mobile phones and accessories was found inside the cargo compartment. A 62-year-old male driver was arrested.

Initial investigation revealed that the counterfeit goods were to be transhipped to the Middle East region by air.

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

Hong Kong 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).

