

Hong Kong Customs teams up with Mainland Customs to combat cross-boundary counterfeit goods activities (with photo)

Hong Kong Customs and Mainland Customs conducted a joint operation from October 29 to November 18 to combat cross-boundary counterfeit goods activities. During the operation, Hong Kong Customs seized about 58 000 pieces of suspected counterfeit goods, including footwear, clothes, leather products and sports products with an estimated market value of about \$1.7 million.

The two Customs administrations stepped up inspection of sea cargo during the operation and Hong Kong Customs seized the suspected counterfeit goods, effectively curbing cross-boundary counterfeit goods activities.

Hong Kong Customs and Mainland Customs have been working closely to combat cross-boundary counterfeiting activities through intelligence exchanges and joint enforcement actions.

Hong Kong Customs will continue to collaborate closely with the Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies targeting cross-boundary counterfeiting activities.

Under the Trade Descriptions Ordinance, any person who imports or exports counterfeit goods 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).

