

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected counterfeit goods and smashes counterfeit mobile phone and accessories storehouses (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs seized a total of about 49 500 items of suspected counterfeit goods with an estimated market value of about \$8.4 million in total at Man Kam To Control Point, Kwun Tong and Fanling on April 9 and yesterday (April 14).

Through risk assessment, Customs officers intercepted an incoming container truck at Man Kam To Control Point on April 9. A batch of about 3 500 items of suspected counterfeit goods, including mobile phones and accessories, watches and clothing, were found inside the container. The 63-year-old male driver was then arrested.

After follow-up investigation, Customs officers yesterday arrested six persons suspected to be in connection with the case, including five men and one woman aged between 25 and 50, in Kwun Tong, Kwai Chung and Fanling. Two counterfeit goods storehouses situated inside two trading companies in Kwun Tong and Fanling were also smashed. A further seizure of about 46 000 items of suspected counterfeit mobile phones and accessories was made for further investigation.

Customs believes that the companies involved were targeting overseas customers to provide them with mobile phone repair services using counterfeit parts and to sell them counterfeit mobile phone parts.

Investigation is ongoing.

Customs will continue to strengthen co-operation with the Mainland and overseas law enforcement agencies and take stringent enforcement actions 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 or sells or possesses for sale any goods with a forged trademark 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).



CHP investigates local case of dengue fever

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) is today (April 15) investigating a local case of dengue fever (DF), and hence again urged the public to maintain strict environmental hygiene, mosquito control and personal protective measures both locally and during travel.

The patient is an 84-year-old man with underlying illnesses. He was found to have fever during a consultation at a general out-patient clinic in Yuen Long on April 3 for his underlying illnesses. His deep throat saliva specimen was tested negative for the COVID-19 virus on April 6. He attended the Accident and Emergency Department of Pok Oi Hospital on April 7 due to persistent fever and was transferred to Tuen Mun Hospital for management on the same day. He is now in a stable condition. His blood sample was tested positive for dengue virus upon laboratory testing.

Initial enquiries revealed that the patient lives with his wife in Sung Shan New Village in Yuen Long. He regularly visited the backyard garden of another family member in the same village for farming. He had no travel history within the incubation period. He claimed that there were mosquitoes in the village and the backyard garden but could not recall history of mosquito bites.

His wife and other family members who live in the same village have remained asymptomatic so far and have been put under medical surveillance.

"We are working closely with the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) to assess and prevent possible spread of infection. The FEHD's vector investigations, surveillance and control are ongoing. Our epidemiological investigations are ongoing," a spokesman for the CHP said.

Officers of the CHP has conducted site visit and field investigations by questionnaire surveys at the patient's residence and also deliver relevant health advice.

Persons who have been to Sung Shan New Village in Yuen Long with DF symptoms should call the CHP's hotline (2125 2374) which will operate from 9am to 9pm tomorrow (April 16) onwards for laboratory investigation or referral as appropriate.

"We will issue letters to local doctors, hospitals, institutions and schools to alert them to the latest situation," the spokesman added.

This is the first local DF case recorded this year. Excluding this case, so far 19 imported DF cases had been recorded this year.

â€œApart from [general measures](#), travellers returning from areas affected by DF should apply insect repellent for 14 days upon arrival in Hong Kong. If feeling unwell, seek medical advice promptly and provide travel details to the doctor," the spokesman said.

The public should take heed of the following advice on mosquito control:

- Thoroughly check all gully traps, roof gutters, surface channels and drains to prevent blockage;
- Scrub and clean drains and surface channels with an alkaline detergent compound at least once a week to remove any deposited mosquito eggs;
- Properly dispose of refuse, such as soft drink cans, empty bottles and boxes, in covered litter containers;
- Completely change the water of flowers and plants at least once a week. The use of saucers should be avoided if possible;
- Level irregular ground surfaces before the rainy season;
- Avoid staying in shrubby areas; and
- Take personal protective measures such as wearing light-coloured long-sleeved clothes and trousers and apply insect repellent containing DEET to clothing or uncovered areas of the body when doing outdoor activities.

DEET-containing insect repellents are effective and the public should take heed of the tips below:

- Read the label instructions carefully first;
- Apply right before entering an area with risk of mosquito bites;
- Apply on exposed skin and clothing;
- Use DEET of up to 30 per cent for pregnant women and up to 10 per cent for children*;
- Apply sunscreen first, then insect repellent; and
- Re-apply only when needed and follow the instructions.

* For children who travel to countries or areas where mosquito-borne diseases are endemic or epidemic and where exposure is likely, those aged 2 months or above can use DEET-containing insect repellents with a DEET concentration of up to 30 per cent.

The public should call 1823 in case of mosquito problems and may visit

the following pages for more information: the DF page of the [CHP](#) and the [Travel Health Service](#), the latest [Travel Health News](#), [tips for using insect repellents](#), and the CHP [Facebook Page](#) and [YouTube Channel](#).

HKWC announces suspected theft case of hospital documents

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The spokesperson for Hong Kong West Cluster (HKWC) made the following announcement today (April 15) regarding the suspected theft case of hospital documents:

On April 9, HKWC was informed that a former Patient Care Assistant who previously worked in Queen Mary Hospital (QMH) and left in 2018 said to have taken hospital documents as well as some medical supplies without prior permission. The materials were returned to QMH on April 9 and 14. It was found that the documents contained names, identity card numbers, genders, and some clinical information of around 370 patients. The cluster management has reported the incident to the Police and the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data. It was also reported to the Hospital Authority (HA) Head Office through the Advance Incidents Reporting System.

The cluster is highly concerned about the incident. HKWC will notify the patients concerned. Neither clinical services nor treatment for the patients have been affected in the incident. The department involved will review the workflow of printing and the destruction of documents. HKWC will also strengthen staff education on data privacy protection to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future.

Appeal for information on missing girl in Cheung Sha Wan (with photo)

Police today (April 15) appealed to the public for information on a girl who went missing in Cheung Sha Wan.

Lin Wai-yee, aged 13, went missing after she left her residence in Un Chau Estate on April 1 morning. Her family made a report to Police yesterday (April 14).

She is about 1.5 metres tall, 45 kilograms in weight and of medium build. She has a pointed face with yellow complexion and long black hair.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of the missing girl or may have seen her is urged to contact the Regional Missing Person Unit of Kowloon West on 3661 8038 or 9020 6542 or email to rmpu-kw@police.gov.hk, or contact any police station.



Fatal traffic accident in Happy Valley

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Happy Valley this morning (April 15) in which an 89-year-old man died.

At about 11.30am, a private car driven by a 45-year-old man was travelling along Sing Woo Road towards Blue Pool Road. When approaching near 60 Sing Woo Road, it reportedly knocked down the 89-year-old man who was crossing the road.

Sustaining serious head injuries, the 89-year-old man was rushed to Ruttonjee Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 1.49pm.

The private car driver was arrested for dangerous driving causing death and is being detained for further enquiries.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, Hong Kong Island is underway.

Anyone who may have witnessed the accident or has any information is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3660 6838 or 3660 6800.