

- On 9 January 2003, officers seized 1.5 million sticks of illicit cigarettes from a consignment that was declared as “50 bags of Decorative Material” at Kwun Tong PCWA. The consignment was imported from Nanhai by river trade vessel. The total seizure value and duty potential amounted to \$2.25 million and \$1.21 million respectively.
- On 12 January 2003, 3.4 kilograms of heroin, with an estimated market value of \$2 million, were seized from a transit Hong Kong male, arriving from Bangkok via Hong Kong to Taipei. The drugs were wrapped by plastic bags and bandage, and concealed around the defendant's waist and both legs.



- A large batch of computer equipment and accessories valued at \$5.82 million on board a river trade vessel were seized.
- 5.2 kilograms of ecstasy were seized from a transit passenger at the Hong Kong International Airport.
- The department hosted the International Customs Day. Mr Raymond Wong, the then Commissioner for Customs and Excise has officiated at the event with Sir Gordan WU, Chairman of Hong Kong Port and Maritime Board.

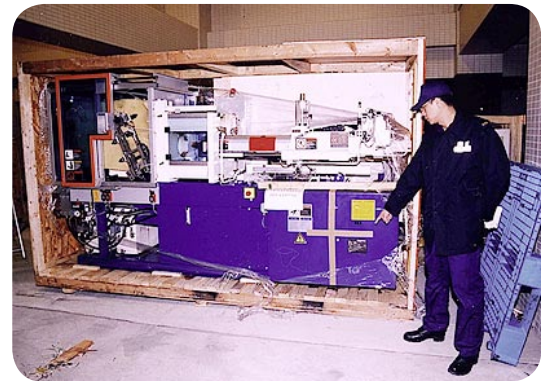


- On 26 February 2003, a total of 9 374 kg of chilled pork, not covered by licence, were seized while discharging from a river trade vessel at Western Food Wholesale Market. The shipment, valued at \$0.33 million, was imported from Rong Qi, the Mainland.
- A large batch of mobile phone batteries and accessories bearing forged trade marks and assorted pharmaceutical products valued at \$6.45 million were seized at the Tuen Mun River Trade Terminal.
- 1.04 kilograms of heroin hydrochloride were seized from an incoming passenger at the Lo Wu Control Point.
- 2.8 kilograms of heroin hydrochloride were seized from an incoming lorry at the Man Kam To Control Point.

- 3.5 kilograms of cannabis resin were seized at the Lo Wu Control Point.



- Two sets of optical disc replication equipment with accessories valued at \$3 million were seized from an outgoing container truck at the Lok Ma Chau Control Point.



- 5.72 million sticks of cigarettes valued at \$8.58 million were seized from an incoming container truck at the Man Kam To Control Point.



- A large batch of electrical appliances, video cassette tapes and computer parts valued at \$28.45 million on board a river trade vessel were seized.
- 3.86 kilograms of methylamphetamine were seized at the Hong Kong International Airport.



- A production line, a stamper and 2 922 infringing VCDs valued at \$5 million were seized in Tai Kok Tsui.



- On 26 May 2003, 2.7 kilograms of cocaine, with an estimated market value of \$4 million, were seized from a British male arriving from Brazil via Paris at the Hong Kong International Airport. The drugs were concealed inside two cardboard sheets with inner metallic linings in the traveling bag carried by the defendant.



- A large batch of computer accessories and electronic goods valued at \$39.98 million were seized from two outgoing container trucks at the Lok Ma Chau Control Point.
- A large batch of video compact discs and fax machines valued at \$56.98 million on board a river trade vessel were seized.



- On 9 June 2003, officers seized a batch of unmanifested consumer products including negative films, computer accessories and digital video cameras valued at about \$22 million from two 40-foot containers onboard an outgoing river trade vessel. The seizures were found stashed behind piles of cloth, which were being loaded in the two containers as camouflaging material and falsely declared as “1 281 yards of cloth”.
- On 25 June 2003, 4 pieces of stony coral, with a total weight of 7.6 kilograms and a declared value at \$20, were seized from a Chinese male departing for Beijing.



- A total of 2.147 kilograms of cocaine were seized from three incoming passengers at the Hong Kong International Airport.
- A large batch of audio and video equipment valued at \$10.21 million was seized from an outgoing container truck at the Lok Ma Chau Control Point.
- A large batch of electrical appliances valued at \$22.06 million on board a river trade vessel was seized.



- On 2 July 2003, 15 crocodile specimens, with a declared value at \$1 500, and 2 crocodile leather handbags, with a declared value at \$200, were seized from a Chinese male arriving from Guyana, South America via Amsterdam.



- On 9 July 2003, officers seized a total of 10 277 nos. of endangered species of tortoises and turtles, valued at \$1.37 million, from a 40-foot container. The seizures were found stashed behind cartons of watermelon, which were being loaded in a container as camouflaging material and falsely declared as “1 562 cartons of watermelon”. The container was imported from Port Kelang, Malaysia.
- On 17 July 2003, officers seized a batch of unmanifested consumer products including electrical appliances, infringing VCDs, therapeutic equipments and left hand drive vehicles valued at about \$36 million from three 40-foot containers onboard an outgoing river trade vessel. The seizures were found stashed behind rolls of paper, which were being loaded in the three containers as camouflaging material and falsely declared as “96 rolls of paper”.
- 1.23 kilograms of cocaine were seized from an incoming passenger at the Hong Kong International Airport.
- A large batch of assorted goods and three left hand drive vehicles valued at \$36.41 million on board a river trade vessel were seized.
- Four optical disc production lines and a mould head valued at \$20 million were seized in Fanling.



- Four optical disc production lines, four stampers and 8 000 pirated optical discs valued at \$11.2 million were seized in Fotan.



- On 9 August 2003, a total of 1.865 kilograms of cannabis resin, with an estimated market value of \$373 000, were seized from a Nepalese male arriving from Kathmandu. The drugs were concealed inside the soles of the defendant's shoes and in his body cavities.



- A large batch of electronic goods valued at \$10.04 million was seized from an outgoing container truck at the Man Kam To Control Point.



- 415 680 infringing VCDs valued at \$8.31 million were seized from an outgoing vehicle at the Sha Tau Kok Control Point.
- 4.22 million sticks of cigarettes valued at \$6.33 million were seized from an incoming lorry at the Lok Ma Chau Control Point.



- The second Promotion Qualifying Examination for Inspectors was held on 24 August 2003. A total of 68 candidates attended the examination.

- On 25 September 2003, 478 cartons of fireworks together of a batch of refrigerant and counterfeit mobile phone accessories were seized from a 40-foot container at Yaumatei PCWA. The container which was declared to contain “Charger” was imported from Huangpu, the Mainland and was intended for export to the Philippines via Hong Kong. The total seizure value amounted to \$4.7 million and the estimated total explosive content was about 8 849 kg.
- On 25 September 2003, officers seized a batch of unmanifested consumer products including fax machine, electrical appliances, microfilms and vehicles parts valued at about \$7.5 million from three 40-foot containers onboard an outgoing river trade vessel. The seizures were found stashed behind several feet of metal scrap, which were being loaded in the three containers as camouflaging material and falsely declared as “Copper, Aluminum and Steel waste”.
- 6.763 kilograms of cannabis resin were seized from an incoming passenger at the Hong Kong International Airport.
- A large batch of assorted goods valued at \$34 million from four containers on board a river trade vessel was seized.
- Eight optical disc production lines and nine mould head valued at \$32.8 million were seized in Chai Wan.



- 3.08 million sticks of cigarettes valued at \$4.62 million were seized from an illicit cigarette storage centre in San Tin.



- On 1 October 2003, 15 460 tablets of MDMA, with an estimated market value of \$4 638 000, were seized from a Hong Kong male arriving from Amsterdam via London at the Hong Kong International Airport. The drugs were wrapped in aluminum packets and concealed inside two toy boxes carried by the defendant.



- On 13 October 2003, officers intercepted a container imported from Tanzania, Africa and 1 932 kg of elephant tusks, at a value of \$2.6 million, were found after removing piles of wood logs. It was the largest haul of ivory seizure since 1992.
- On 16 October 2003, officers seized a batch of unmanifested consumer products including computer accessories, negative films, electrical appliances and machinery parts valued at about \$23.7 million from four 20-foot containers onboard an outgoing river trade vessel. The seizures were found concealed inside some tailor made bundles of wooden logs, which were being loaded in the four containers as camouflaging material and falsely declared as "Radioactive Log".
- On 23 October 2003, 1 kilogram of cocaine, with an estimated market value of \$1.5 million, was seized from a Colombian male arriving from Sao Paulo, Brazil via Johannesburg. The drug was seized from the cotton wool inside the lining of a vest carried by the defendant, which had absorbed the subject liquid cocaine.



- A large batch of assorted goods valued at \$48 million on board a barge was seized.



- 4.04 million sticks of cigarettes valued at \$6.09 million were seized from an incoming lorry at the Lok Ma Chau Control Point.
- One optical disc production line, one mould head, six stampers and 22 000 pirated optical discs valued at \$3.98 million were seized in San Po Kong.
- 49 808 pieces of assorted garments and clothing accessories bearing forged trademarks valued at \$3.27 million were seized at the Tuen Mun River Trade Terminal.

- On 30 December 2003, officers seized 2.37 million sticks of illicit cigarettes from a 20-foot container that was declared to contain “300 Bags tissue paper” at Yaumatei PCWA. The container was imported from Huangpu by a river trade vessel. The total seizure value and duty potential amounted to \$3.56 million and \$1.91 million respectively.
- 2 693 mobile phones, 507 watches, 320 fashion ornaments and a batch of mobile phone accessories valued at \$3.30 million were seized from three export consignments at the Hong Kong International Airport.
- 3.11 million sticks of cigarettes valued at \$4.66 million were seized from an incoming lorry at the Man Kam To Control Point.



- 95 199 pieces of skin care products bearing false trade descriptions valued at \$7.87 million were seized from an incoming lorry at the Man Kam To Control Point.
- 1.62 kilograms of ketamine and 55.6 grammes of ecstasy were seized from an incoming passenger at the Lo Wu Control Point.

