

- On 16 January 2004, 6.5 kilograms of cannabis resin, with an estimated market value of \$1.3 million, were seized from a Nepalese male arriving from Kathmandu. Most of the drugs were concealed inside packets of instant noodle in a carton box carried by the defendant while a small amount was placed inside the subject carton box without any concealment.



- On 18 January 2004, 900 grams of heroin, with an estimated market value of \$405 000, were seized from a Mozambiquean male arriving from Pakistan via Bangkok. A pallet of the drugs was found inside the defendant's wearing jacket while the remaining were concealed inside his body cavities.



- Two production lines, two mould heads, two stampers and 370 000 pirated optical discs valued at \$11.36 million were seized from an optical disc factory in Tokwawan.



- 12 production lines, 14 mould heads, 44 stampers and 1.4 million pirated optical discs valued at \$54.32 million were seized from two river trade vessels and three optical disc factories.

- The department hosted the International Customs Day. Mr. MA Si-hang, Frederick, J.P., the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury was invited as the principal guest of the event.



- On 23 February 2004, officers of Lok Ma Chau Control Point detected a smuggling case with the largest quantity of cigarette seized in the year from an incoming 40-foot container, which was declared to carry “Metal Racks”. A total of 5.5 million cigarettes valued at approximately \$8.3 million with duty potential amounting to \$4.43 million were seized.
- 5.52 million sticks of cigarettes valued at \$8.28 million were seized from an incoming container truck at the Lok Ma Chau Control Point.
- 6.4 kilograms of herbal cannabis were seized from the baggage of an incoming passenger at the Hong Kong International Airport.



- Four production lines and two mould heads valued at \$10.16 million were seized from two optical disc factories in Fo Tan and Kwun Tong.

- On 1 March 2004, 307 numbers of live land tortoise and 33 numbers of soft-shelled turtle, with a declared value of \$307 000, were seized from an unclaimed baggage arriving from Kuala Lumpur .



- 4.18 kilograms of ecstasy and 753 grams of herbal cannabis were seized in Sha Tau Kok.



- 26 kilograms of cannabis buds were seized in the Western district.



- A large batch of mobile phone accessories bearing forged trade marks valued at \$10.39 million on board a river trade vessel was seized.

- On 3 April 2004, officers at Man Kam To Control Point detected a computer part smuggling case with seizure over \$1 million. 1 808 computer hard discs were seized from a lorry departing for the Mainland. The seizures, valued at \$1.18 million were concealed in a false compartment underneath the floor of the cargo compartment.
- First detection of 10.52 kilograms of cannabis buds from 26 inbound air parcels at the Hong Kong International Airport.
- On 4 April and 19 September 2004, 835 and 552 tablets of MDMA, with an estimated market value of \$309 000 in total, were seized from two inbound small packets both arriving from the Netherlands respectively. The drugs were concealed inside plastic straws in the mailing envelopes as camouflage.



- On 22 April 2004, officers seized a batch of unmanifested consumer products including saloon car, vehicle parts, LCD TV, plasma display, notebook computer and computer accessories valued at about \$24.5 million from six 40-foot containers onboard an outgoing river trade vessel. The seizures were found stashed inside the six containers and falsely declared as “2 340 bales of Calcium Carbonate”.
- 2.5 kilograms of heroin hydrochloride were seized from an incoming passenger at the Hong Kong International Airport.



- 9.99 kilograms of cannabis buds, 377 grams of herbal cannabis and 20 grams of ketamine were seized.
- 2 858 machine guns, 25 226 magazines and 5 355 machine gun parts were seized at the Kwai Chung Customhouse.

- Customs officers at the Hong Kong International Airport, Office of Information Technology and Office of Dutiable Commodities Administration won the Champion Award in Internal Support Services under the Civil Service Customer Service Award Scheme 2003-04 launched by the Civil Service Bureau.



- On 7 May 2004, 9.095 kilograms of cannabis resin, with an estimated market value of \$1.45 million, were seized from a Nepalese female arriving from Kathmandu. The drugs were concealed in the false bottom of the defendant's traveling bag; inside some dried meat rolls and bags of wheat flour and beans in the defendant's baggage; and in the soles and heels of the defendant's wearing sandals.



- 4.76 kilograms of ecstasy were seized from an outgoing passenger at the Hong Kong International Airport.



- 27 198 tablets of ecstasy were seized in Kowloon City.

- Seven optical disc production lines valued at \$14 million were seized from an optical disc factory in Tai Kok Tsui.



- 1.16 million pirated optical discs valued at \$23.16 million were seized from a fishing vessel.
- A batch of TV game machine accessories bearing forged trade marks valued at \$6.62 million on board a river trade vessel was seized.

- Permanent Secretary for Security, Mr YING Yiu-hong and three other senior officials of the Security Bureau visited the Airport Command and Customs facilities at the Hong Kong International Airport.



- On 10 June 2004, 507 grams of ketamine, with an estimated market value of \$96 000, were seized from an inbound speedpost arriving from Malaysia. The drugs were in powder form and concealed in two plastic bags camouflaged by a cartoon paper.



- 7.48 million sticks of cigarettes valued at \$ 11.22 million were seized from two incoming containers at the Kwai Chung Customhouse.



- 26.23 kilograms of herbal cannabis and 17 grams of methylamphetamine were seized.



- 210 000 pirated optical discs valued at \$ 5.22 million were seized in Kwai Chung.



- A batch of mobile phone batteries and cartridges bearing forged trade marks valued at \$ 6.36 million was seized in Kwai Chung.

- Customs officers smashed a major local pirated optical disc syndicate in a territory-wide operation codenamed “SPUR”, with the arrest of eight persons and neutralization of one disc replicating workshop, three storage centres and eight retail outlets. Suspected copyright piracy proceeds of \$18 000 000 were restrained. This was the first time for a Restraint Order to be successfully obtained under the *Organized and Serious Crimes Ordinance* to freeze suspected crime proceeds in relation to copyright piracy offences.
- 1.23 kilograms of cocaine were seized from an incoming passenger at the Hong Kong International Airport.
- On 23 July 2004, 30 sets of unauthorized decoder, with a declared value of \$770, were seized from an inbound consignment arriving from Manila.



- 3.61 million sticks of cigarettes valued at \$ 5.42 million were seized in Cheung Sha Wan.
- 586 grams of cannabis resin were seized from an incoming passenger at the Hong Kong International Airport.



- A batch of TV game accessories bearing forged trade marks valued at \$ 3.95 million was seized from an incoming container in Kwai Chung.
- A batch of mobile phone accessories bearing forged trade marks valued at \$ 8.55 million was seized from an incoming container in Kwai Chung.

- A Senior Customs Officer serving at the Hong Kong International Airport won a Champion Award under the “Customer Service Excellence Programme” organized by the Airport Authority Hong Kong.



- On 4 August 2004, 2.263 kilograms of cannabis resin, with an estimated market value of \$226 000, were seized from a Nepalese male arriving from Kathmandu via Bangkok at the Hong Kong International Airport. The drugs were concealed inside the soles of the defendant’s shoes and in his body cavities.



- On 7 August 2004, officers of Man Kam To Control Point seized from an incoming lorry 14 857 infringing optical discs, with a market value of \$0.36 million. The smugglers mixed the optical discs with other items, such as mobile phones accessories, watches, calculators and t-shirts, all bearing forged trademarks. These items valued at \$1.04 million, made the total value amounting to \$1.4 million.
- On 20 August 2004, officers of Sha Tau Kok Control Point intercepted an outgoing box-type lorry for search. As a result, 33 blocks of silver weighing about 510.5 kilograms were found inside the altered structure of the lorry. The case, with seizures valued at \$1.02 million, was the largest silver block case in the year. The driver of the vehicle was arrested.
- On 22 August 2004, 2.2 kilograms of herbal cannabis, with an estimated market value of \$220 000, were seized from a Ghanaian male arriving from Ghana via Johannesburg. The drugs were concealed inside the false compartments in the traveling bag carried by the defendant.
- 230 000 video compact discs valued at \$ 4.6 million were seized from a fishing vessel.
- 4.52 million sticks of cigarettes valued at \$ 6.79 million were seized from an incoming medium goods vehicle at the Man Kam To Control Point.
- 1 628 kilograms of Alprazolam and Triazolam were seized at the Hong Kong International Airport.

- 5.8 kilograms of methylamphetamine were seized from two outgoing passengers at the Hong Kong International Airport.



- A batch of mobile phone cartridges and strings bearing forged trade marks valued at \$ 7.84 million was seized at the River Trade Terminal.

- 13 representatives from the air cargo industry were renewed as non-official members of the Air Cargo Customer Liaison Group (ACCLG) for a 2-year tenure commencing 1 September 2004. In addition, the client base of this Group was also expanded with the appointment of two new members from Chu Kong Air-Sea Union Transportation Co. Ltd. and Jardine Airport Services Ltd. The purpose was to obtain opinion from wider base of professionals in the air cargo industry so as to cope with the steady growth of the industry in particular the inter-modal transshipment development.
- On 14 September 2004, 25 506 kilograms of frozen poultry, with an estimated market value of \$0.34 million, were seized from an inbound refrigerated goods vehicle arriving from the Mainland at the Man Kam To Control Point.
- 1 872 LCD monitors valued at \$ 3.74 million were seized from an outgoing container truck at the Man Kam To Control Point.
- A batch of mobile phone batteries and cartridges bearing forged trade marks valued at \$ 6.06 million was seized in Tsing Yi.
- A large batch of pharmaceutical products valued at \$ 7.87 million were seized in Western District.



- On 4 October 2004, Customs officers at HK-Macau Ferry Terminal also successfully detected a significant dangerous drug case from an outgoing passenger who concealed 40 grams of cannabis buds inside his underwear. As a result, the arrested person was charged with trafficking in dangerous drug.
- 3.23 million sticks of cigarettes valued at \$ 4.84 million were seized from three medium goods vehicles in Kwai Chung.



- A batch of skin care products bearing forged trade marks valued at \$ 6.02 million was seized in Tsing Yi.
- A batch of cosmetics bearing forged trade marks valued at \$ 5.79 million was seized at the Kwai Chung Customhouse.

- On 28 November 2004, 2.5 kilograms of cocaine, with an estimated market value of \$2.063 million, were seized from a Filipino female arriving from Brazil via Paris at the Hong Kong International Airport. The drugs were concealed inside the inner linings of the traveling bag carried by the defendant.



- From October to November 2004, a total of 9 051 numbers of infringing DVD, with an estimated value of \$181 000, were seized from 284 outbound postal parcels destined for various overseas countries.



- Between April and November 2004, 13.068 kilograms of cannabis buds, with an estimated market value of \$3.8 million, were seized from 42 air parcels arriving from Canada, 22 air parcels from England and one air parcel from Ghana. They were falsely declared as “tea leaf”, “shoes” or other general items.



- On 4 November 2004, officers seized a batch of unmanifested consumer products including photo paper, photo film and photo developing machine valued at about \$4.6 million from two 40-foot containers onboard an outgoing river trade vessel. The seizures were found stashed behind piles of soap, which were being loaded in the two containers as camouflaging material and falsely declared as “1 900 bags of soap”.
- Four optical discs production lines and five mould heads valued at \$ 8.1 million were seized in Chai Wan.

- 3.39 million cigarettes valued at \$ 5.03 million were seized from an incoming light goods vehicle at the Lok Ma Chau Control Point.



- A batch of assorted goods bearing forged trade marks valued at \$ 6.11 million were seized in Kwai Chung.



- On 4 December 2004, 10.3 kilograms of cocaine, with an estimated market value of \$10.197 million, were seized from a Hong Kong male arriving from Lima via Amsterdam at the Hong Kong International Airport. The drugs were concealed inside the top and bottom layers of the suitcase carried by the defendant.



- On 4 December 2004, officers of Sha Tau Kok Division and Control Point Investigation Division mounted a joint operation at the Shek Chung Au Check Post to curb the smuggling of meat from the Mainland via Sha Tau Kok village to other areas of Hong Kong. As a result, a lorry driver was arrested and 1 500 kilograms of fresh meat valued at about \$ 48 000 were found inside the cargo compartment of a box-typed lorry.
- 2.94 million sticks of cigarettes valued at \$ 4.35 million were seized from an incoming medium goods vehicle at the Lok Ma Chau Control Point.