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Two arrested for importation and possession of more than 16,000 counterfeit perfume and cosmetic products

Two women, aged 21 and 23, have been arrested for their suspected involvement in the importation and possession of counterfeit perfume and cosmetic products for the purpose of trade.

On 25 July 2019, Singapore Customs inspected a consignment of more than 200 pieces of perfume and cosmetic products believed to be counterfeits, and subsequently referred the case to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

In a 19-hour operation conducted on 6 August 2019, CID officers mounted raids at Tampines North Drive and Sunview Road, resulting in the arrests. During the operation, more than 16,000 pieces of counterfeit perfume and cosmetic products bearing falsely applied trademarks, with an estimated street value of more than S\$800,000, were seized. Preliminary investigations revealed that these counterfeit products would be sold on online platforms.

Investigations are ongoing.

The authorities take a serious view on intellectual property right (IPR) infringements and will not hesitate to take action against perpetrators who show blatant disregard for Singapore's IPR laws.

Anyone found guilty of importing, possessing or distributing goods with falsely applied trademarks for the purpose of trade may be sentenced up to a maximum fine of \$100,000, or to an imprisonment term of up to five years, or to both.

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