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TRIO NABBED FOR SUSPECTED INVOLVEMENT IN IMPORTATION OF TRADEMARK-INFRINGING GOODS

Three men, aged between 27 and 40, were arrested on 4 December 2015 for their suspected involvement in the importation of trademark-infringing products.

On 2 December 2015, Singapore Customs detained a consignment suspected to contain trademark-infringing hard disk drives and anti-virus software product keys. The consignment was detained under Section 93A(1)(a) of the Trade Marks Act, after brand owners confirmed that they were counterfeit.

Following up on this information, the Police conducted an operation at the importer's storage premises at Serangoon North Avenue 4 on 4 December 2015, and arrested the three men. During the operation, more than 243,000 trademark-infringing goods such as hard disk drives, mobile phones and accessories, memory cards and computer software product keys, with an estimated street value of about S\$11 million, were also seized by the Police. Investigations into the case are ongoing.

The authorities take a serious view of intellectual property right (IPR) infringements and will not hesitate to take action against perpetrators who showed blatant disregard for our IPR laws.

Persons found guilty of selling or distributing infringing goods with falsely applied trade mark may be fined up to a maximum of \$100,000, or an imprisonment term which may extend to five years, or both.

Photographs: Case Exhibits Seized



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