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### **Man arrested for importation of counterfeit bags for the purpose of trade**

A 43-year-old man has been arrested following a six-hour operation for his suspected involvement in the importation of counterfeit bags for the purpose of trade.

On 18 September 2017, Singapore Customs inspected a consignment suspected to contain trademark-infringing goods. A total of 200 bags and luggage were detained after the brand owners confirmed that they were counterfeit. Singapore Customs referred the matter to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for follow-up.

On receipt of the information, officers from CID conducted extensive enquiries over several days. On 26 September 2017, officers from CID and Singapore Customs conducted raids at a warehouse in Jurong Port Road as well as a residential unit in Punggol, resulting in the arrest of the suspect.

A total of 318 counterfeit bags with an estimated street value of S\$11,680 were seized in this case.

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 showed blatant disregard for Singapore's IPR laws.

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

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## Case Exhibits Seized



(Photo: Singapore Police Force)



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