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Couple arrested for importation and possession of counterfeit apparels for the purpose of trade

In a 14-hour joint operation mounted on 8 February 2018, officers from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), together with Singapore Customs, conducted simultaneous raids at the vicinities of Pioneer Sector and Jalan Berseh. A man and a woman, both aged 36, were arrested for their suspected involvement in the importation and possession of counterfeit products.

On 5 February 2018, Singapore Customs inspected a consignment suspected to contain counterfeit apparel at a warehouse in Pioneer Sector. Singapore Customs detained the apparel after the brand owners confirmed that the items were counterfeit. Singapore Customs then alerted CID about the case on 6 February 2018.

Acting on the information, CID and Singapore Customs carried out simultaneous raids on 8 February 2018, leading to the arrest of the two suspects.

A total of 6,097 pieces of counterfeit apparel with an estimated street value of more than S\$120,000 were also seized during the joint operation. Investigations are ongoing.

The authorities take a serious view on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) infringements and will not hesitate to take action against perpetrators who showed blatant disregard for Singapore's IPR laws.

Anyone found guilty of importing, possessing or distributing goods with falsely applied trade mark for the purpose of trade shall be liable on conviction to a fine up to a maximum of \$100,000, or to an imprisonment term not exceeding five years or to both.

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Photographs of case exhibits seized



(Photos: Singapore Police Force)

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