Enforcement Efforts in Hong Kong

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Strategic Trade Control System



Trade and Industry Department – Licensing System



Customs and Excise Department – Enforcement Agency



Legal Basis for Enforcement

- Import and Export Ordinance, Chapter 60
- Weapons of Mass Destruction (Control of Provision of Services) Ordinance, Chapter 526
- United Nations Sanctions Ordinance, Chapter 537
- Chemical Weapons (Convention) Ordinance, Chapter 578



Extensive Enforcement Powers

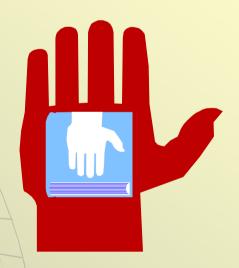
- Enter and search premises without a warrant (except domestic premises) for enforcement
- Stop, board, remove, detain and search any vessel, aircraft or vehicle





Extensive Enforcement Powers

- Direction Order to detain the goods pending investigation
- Require production and take copies of documents
- > Require information
- Seize articles
- Arrest person



Multi-folded Enforcement Programme

- Cargo Examination
- Verification
- > Intelligence
- Investigation
- Prosecution
- Outreach
- Capacity Building

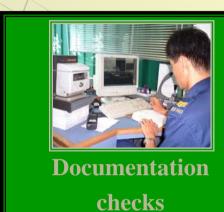


Cargo Examination











Physical examinations









Verification

- Licensing Check
- Disposal Check
- Surveillance Check
- Delivery Verification Check
- Follow-up Check on Deferred/Rejected Applications



Intelligence

- Risk Management
- Local / Overseas Enforcement Agency
- Trade Declaration and Cargo Manifest Review
- Verification



Investigation

- Intelligence
- Verification
- Local / Overseas Authorities





Prosecution

- Maximum penalty:
 Unlimited fine + 7 years
 imprisonment
- Mandatory forfeiture of seized strategic commodities





Outreach

- Joint Outreach Programme with Trade and Industry Department / Overseas Authorities
- Promote trade compliance awareness
- Instill the concept of enterprise obligation



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Capacity Building

- Strengthen frontline officer's competency in strategic trade control
- Commodity identification







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Trade Facilitation





