



Customs' Warn over the Gangster Claiming to Sell Cheap Products (3 September 2009)

The Customs Department warns people over the gangster or website claiming to sell Customs products at a considerably lower than a market price.

Bangkok (3 September 2009) - Mr. Jamroen Potiyod, a Customs spokesman revealed that Thai Customs previously warned people over the website claiming to sell Customs products e.g. cars, computers, mobile phone at a considerably lower price. The website owner would ask interested customers to transfer deposit money and pay the remaining amount when the products were delivered to them. This is not the normal practice of Customs. In this connection, Thai Customs did notify the public that the only normal practice for the sale of Customs products is the "notice of auction sale". Customs has never sold its products via the Internet or any other people. In addition, there is no requirement to transfer money or deposit to any personal account.

"However, the advertisement for popular products on many websites e.g. computers, notebooks, mobile phones, cameras, etc. are still going on. The website claims that the products sold in the websites are auctioned from Customs or sold by an authorized Customs officer. Generally, the website owner asks a buyer to transfer deposit money to the personal account. The remaining amount of money is paid upon the delivery of the products at Customs buildings or the Bangkok Port of Thailand. Some products are delivered at a department store or an airport where a buyer is traveling. Once the deposit money is transferred to the indicated account, the buyer can no longer communicate with the seller." said Mr. Jamroen Potiyod, a Customs spokesman.

Thai Customs would like to confirm once again that such behavior is considered as a crook. Do not believe in such claim.

The sale of Customs seized goods is openly made by the "notice of auction sale" only. Retail sale is not allowed. In addition, payment must be made to Customs only. Transfer of money to personal account has never been a requirement of Customs.

Any suspicious conducts on this issue can be verified at the Communication and Information Service Division, Thai Customs, at telephone 0-26677988 or Customs Hotline at 1164.

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