

Consulate General of the Philippines Hong Kong

WARNING TO TRAVELERS TO HONG KONG: DON'T BRING STUNNING DEVICES EXTENDIBLE BATONS AND THE LIKE

The Philippine Consulate General reiterates its warning to all Filipino travelers transiting or entering Hong Kong as visitors, workers, or as residents to refrain from bringing restricted items, particularly stunning devices, in their hand-carried or checked-in luggage.

Stun guns, pepper spray and other devices such as tear gas, bullets, extendible batons, flick knives and knuckledusters are considered either as "prohibited weapons" or "arms" and therefore are restricted under either the Aviation Security Ordinance or the Firearms and Ammunition Ordinance of Hong Kong.

Travelers arrested with prohibited weapons are usually prosecuted under Section 10, Aviation Security Ordinance, Cap. 494, Laws of Hong Kong, which carries a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment and a fine of HK\$100,000 *while* possession of stunning devices is prohibited under Sections 13(1) and (2) of Firearms and Ammunition Ordinance, Cap. 238, Laws of Hong Kong, wherein offenders are penalized with a maximum fine of HK\$100,000 and a maximum sentence of 14 years imprisonment.

The Hong Kong authorities are strict with the enforcement of the said Ordinances. All hand-carried and checked-in luggage of passengers are subjected to security screening in the airport terminals.

A total of twenty (20) Filipinos, mostly transiting via HKIA, have been penalized in 2018 for possession of arms without license.

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