

**Table 1**

Statistics on Customs and Excise Department (C&ED)'s enforcement against the sale and purchase of duty-not-paid cigarettes (illicit cigarettes) and the number of persons who were fined or imprisoned for such illicit activities between 2013 and 2016 are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>(i) No. of cases</b>	529	600	614	544
<b>(ii) No. of illicit cigarettes seized (million sticks)</b>	3.14	1.49	1.51	1.50
<b>(iii) Total dutiable value (\$ million)</b>	5.36	2.78	2.89	2.85
<b>(iv) No. of persons fined</b>	346	501	474	378
<b>(v) No. of persons imprisoned</b>	202	158	129	116

**Table 2**

Statistics on C&ED's enforcement against telephone-order peddling are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>(i) No. of cases</b>	195	318	452	428
<b>(ii) No. of illicit cigarettes seized (million sticks)</b>	2.04	3.04	1.37	3.81
<b>(iii) No. of persons arrested</b>	225	329	465	441

**Table 3**

Statistics on the number of reports on illicit cigarette activities received by the 24-hour information hotline between 2013 and 2016 are as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>Reports on sale of illicit cigarettes (No. of cases)</b>	894	814	895	796
<b>Reports on other illicit cigarette activities (No. of cases)</b>	274	174	186	173
<b>Total (No. of cases)</b>	1 168	988	1 081	969