

**ADVISORY TO TRAVELERS TO HONG KONG:  
DON'T BRING STUNNING DEVICES EXTENDIBLE BATONS  
AND THE LIKE  
EVEN IN CHECKED-IN LUGGAGE**

The Philippine Consulate General, hereby echoes a warning to travelers to Hong Kong, issued on 05 August, 2018 by the Philippine Consulate General in Hong Kong, and would like to advise all Filipino nationals within its area of responsibility who travel to Hong Kong that when **transiting** or **entering** Hongkong as visitors, workers, or as residents **to refrain from bringing restricted items**, particularly stunning devices, in their **hand-carried** or **even checked-in luggage**.

**Stun guns**, **pepper spray** and other devices such as **tear gas**, **bullets**, **extendible batons**, **flick knives** and **knuckle dusters** are considered “arms” and therefore are restricted under the Firearms and Ammunition Ordinance of Hong Kong.

Upon conviction, the unlicensed possession of these restricted items is **punishable by a fine of HK\$100,000 and maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment.**

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

A total of thirty (30) Filipinos, mostly transiting via HKIA, have been convicted in 2017 for possession of arms without license.