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The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) on Saturday said that it had seized foreign-made cigarettes worth Rs 6.33 crore allegedly being smuggled into the country.

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“On verification of the container and its documents, it was found that the container was stated to contain self-adhesive tapes. The goods were imported from United Arab Emirates. De-stuffing of the container revealed 176 packages containing cigarettes of foreign make,” the release added.

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“As the said foreign made cigarettes are attempted to be smuggled into India in contravention of provisions of the Customs Act 1962 and Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-20, they were seized under the Customs Act 1962,” the release stated.

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