

DRI arrests Customs Agent in Rs14 cr gutkha smuggling case

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The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) on Friday intercepted persons attempting to smuggle out counterfeit gutkha and sell it illegally in Kuwait. The shipment, valued at Rs 5.54 crore in India and Rs14 crore in Kuwait, was intercepted after the DRI was tipped off about the illicit operation. A 40-foot container that was already cleared for shipment was intercepted at Pipavav port by DRI officials

before it could set sail for Kuwait. An entity by the name of Navrang Jewels & Exports was found to be smuggling counterfeit gutkha and passing it off as the 'Vimal' brand. The consignment was not declared in the export documents. DRI Jamnagar officials, upon examination of the container, seized 42 lakh pouches of fake gutkha worth 2.52 crore.

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