

50 lakh cigarettes seized by two Customs wings in Mumbai

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MUMBAI: Following strict vigilance by central agencies at Mumbai international airport, smugglers are using other airports to smuggle in foreign cigarettes, and from there they are then transporting it to Mumbai by road or by railway.



Rummaging and intelligence wing and marine and preventive wing of Customs made major seizures at Mumbai Central railway station and at a Kalbadevi godown and seized cigarettes worth Rs 50 lakh.

Customs got information that cigarettes were being smuggled in bulk in a northern state and from there it would be transported by train on September 18. Officials kept a strict vigilance at the station and checked a huge parcel from Delhi. The goods were marked as miscellaneous on the booking receipt. The consignment contained imported cigarettes worth around 23.3 lakh, an official said.

Customs also raided a transporter's warehouse on September 21 following a tip-off and seized foreign cigarettes worth more than Rs 18.3 lakh.

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