

DRI Ahmedabad seizes containers of foreign-brand cigarettes worth Rs 17 crore, probe underway

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DRI Ahmedabad seized the container of foreign-brand cigarettes near Mundra Sear Port. (File Photo)

By Gopi Maniar Ghanghar: The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has seized a container loaded with foreign-brand cigarettes worth Rs 17 crore from the Mundra Port in Ahmedabad.

The officers of DRI Ahmedabad got a tip that an illegal syndicate was attempting to smuggle foreign cigarettes. The officials conducted a raid and seized 850 containers of foreign-branded cigarettes named Manchester from Mundra Port on October 11, 2022.

Each carton was packed with about ten thousand cigarettes. Nearly 85,50,000 foreign-branded cigarette sticks were seized under the Customs Act. Further investigation is under progress.

This is the fourth major seizure of cigarettes or e-cigarettes by DRI Ahmedabad this year. The total value of the seized cigarettes has exceeded Rs 100 crores.

The DRI logged two seizures of e-cigarettes valued at Rs 68 crore in the month of September 2022. These seizures are part of DRI operations to combat smuggling of cigarettes into the country.

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