

CUSTOMS REPORT

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CUSTOMS SEIZURES

Weapons

Ain Sokhna Customs stopped the tentative to smuggle **990 spare parts** of pistol base hidden in a container coming from China.



Medical

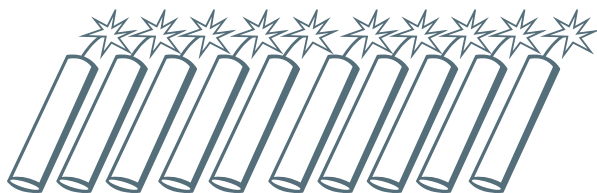
Port Said Customs Authority (Port Said Customs) manage to seize a container containing **48 cartons filled with 19,200 packets of stimulants, 5 used sonar apparatus, 6 used kidney dialysis equipment, 25 screens for operations room and 20 display refrigerators** that are subject to import restrictions.



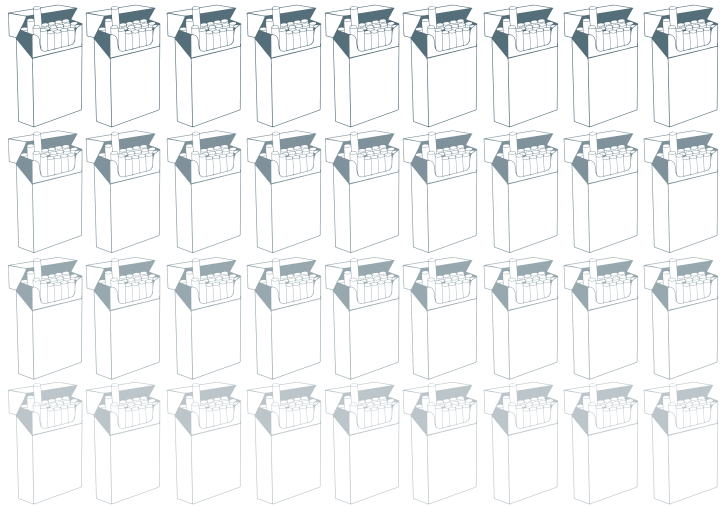
Damietta Export Customs discovered the tentative to smuggle **204 packets of veterinary medicines and 30,000 beeswax** sheets made in Egypt and destined to the U.A.E.

Fireworks

Port Said Customs discovered **2,700 cartons shipped from China containing more than 1.1 million pieces of fireworks** (which are restricted from importing). Those numbers are the result of 4 seizures. Some other 6K pieces of fireworks in the shape of birthday cakes were also seized. The same customs office seized 53 cartons of original medication for ulcer and neurological treatment smuggled and shipped from Turkey. In Damietta port, a container shipped from China was also seized carrying 28 tons of fireworks worth EGP 30 million



Tobacco



Port Said customs found counterfeited Cleopatra cigarettes hidden inside 117 mattresses coming from Jebel Ali, U.A.E: 707 cartons, in each 300 packets and 5,030 cartridges with a total amount of **5.25 million cigarettes**.

Electronics

270 new LCD TV screens (42 and 46 inches) made in Germany, were also discovered, in a container shipped from the Netherlands, in addition to 27 new printers, 1,000 used computer screens and 420 used CPUs.

Documents



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Cairo International Airport cargo village discovered forged commercial invoices for 2 different shipments. The total gap between the real value and the declared value was around EGP 1 million.

Narcotics

Cairo International Airport customs stopped the tentative to smuggle 6 KGs of cocaine into Egypt in 2 different flights with Latin American passengers coming from the Netherlands and Addis Ababa.



Currency

Borg El Arab International Airport successfully stopped the tentative to smuggle Saudi Riyals by 4 Egyptians in 4 different days all going to Doha, Qatar. The amount of money discovered in each detention is as follows:

- 1ST Passenger: SR 177K + EGP 5K**
- 2ND Passenger: SR 178**
- 3RD Passenger: SR 20.5K + USD 10K + EGP 5K**
- 4TH Passenger: SR 110K + EGP 5.8K**



Other

Port Said authority seized 10,500 pairs of socks and 3,596 million pieces of cutters all hidden in a container coming from China too.

Badr Customs in Adabeya port (Suez) seized a container coming from China smuggling bed blankets in evasion from customs duties and anti-dumping fees. According to the customs declaration, the container was shipping floor covers instead.

Sohag Customs discovered 115 mobile phones and 50 KGs of silver jewelry worth of EGP 250K with an Egyptian passenger coming from Kuwait.

Did you
know?

Tobacco products - mainly cigarettes, cigars and cheroots are the first goods to be illegally traded worldwide with 2,838 billion pieces, followed by pharmaceutical products; painkillers in the first rank and inflammatory tablets in second, with 115,328 million pieces in 123 ,2) 2014 billion pieces in 2013). Clothing and accessories come in third and fourth rank.

Departure countries of illicit goods in order of quantity are China, Hong Kong - China and Turkey, while USA, KSA and Japan are the biggest countries of destination.

You might be surprised to know that most of the seized cases in terms of frequency of seizures were discovered in mail centers due to the continuous growth of e-commerce.

Source: WCO 2014 illicit trade report

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