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PRESS RELEASE

ARREST OF FIVE (05) FOREIGN PEOPLE FOR TOBACCO SMUGGLING - SEIZURES OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

OPERATIONAL COORDINATION CENTER (OCC) received information from OLAF concerning group of people who intended to smuggle into our country illegal tobacco products through Athens International Airport. OCC immediately alerted the Airport Customs Authorities and the operation resulted in the arrest of five (05) foreigners of Ukrainian origin.

Specifically, on 08.10.2019 a Ukrainian individual was arrested and the following quantities were seized:

- 45 cartons of cigarettes (9,000 pieces)
- 2.55 kilos of water tobacco and
- 1.95 kilos of sliced tobacco

Successively, on 14.10.2019 relevant information from OLAF was received and a second customs control operation took place, resulting in the arrest of four (04) foreigners of Ukrainian origin and the seizure of the following tobacco quantities:

- 635 cartons of cigarettes (127,000 pieces)

The proportionate excise taxes & duties of the above mentioned seizures are estimated at the amount of 30,000.00 €.