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HM Customs Tobacco Seizures

In the last few days, HM Customs Gibraltar have disrupted two organised groups of tobacco smugglers and to seize significant amounts of commercial quantities of tobacco around Gibraltar.

On Wednesday evening a Spanish vehicle was intercepted by a patrol crew in the Upper Town. Officers searched the vehicle and found a total of 92kg of hand cut tobacco in the luggage compartment. It is believed this vehicle was heading towards the border or frontier fence.

Two Spanish nationals were arrested on suspicion of the attempted exportation of this tobacco.

Both Spanish nationals were released on bail and investigations continue.

On Thursday night, members of the Flexible Anti Smuggling Team (FAST) intercepted a local vehicle as it was about to head into Eastern beach.

One Spanish national was arrested near the vehicle as he attempted to flee. Inside the vehicle a total of 300 cartons cigarettes, worth over £6,000.00, were found. The cigarettes were all in dark canvas bags.

The Spanish national was released on bail and investigations with further arrests are expected.