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Cigarettes seized, man charged in Rosslare

Officers from Revenue's Customs Service in Rosslare harbour made a second seizure of cigarettes in the last week when they discovered 183,600 cigarettes in a load of onions last evening (28/08/03). Local officers made the find following a search of the trailer which had arrived from Spain via France. The potential loss of revenue on the cigarettes amounts to €41,677.00. The cover load was consigned to Northern Ireland and it is believed that the Regal and Lambert & Butler cigarettes were destined for the UK market.

The truck, trailer, load and cigarettes have been seized. A Northern Ireland male, in his 30's has been charged under Section 139 of the Finance Act 2001 and is to appear in Court in the Bridewell later today.

On Saturday (23/08/03) 576,000 cigarettes hidden in a false floor of an articulated refrigerated trailer which was loaded with garden plants were seized together with the truck, trailer and load.