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## State Revenue Service

Information for Media

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### **SRS Customs Department officials interdict illegal import of more than 282 thousand cigarettes**

**The Customs Departments officials of the State Revenue Service of the Republic of Latvia (hereinafter - SRS) have revealed a total of 282 140 pieces of contraband cigarettes with excise duty stamps of the Republic of Belarus, while carrying out the customs control measures on the border with Belarus and Russia.**

On 16th March, 2016 a cargo train from the Republic of Belarus arrived at the Indra Customs Control Point. While carrying out physical control of the train, the customs officials in cooperation with the State Border Guard officials found that in the wagon of woodchips there were buried 26 boxes. When the packages were opened, 260 000 pieces of "PREMJER" brand cigarettes with Belorussian excise duty stamps were detected inside.

On 15th March, 2016 a cargo train from the Russian Federation arrived at the Zilupe Customs Control Point. While carrying out train control, the customs officials in cooperation with the State Border Guard officials found that in one of the wagon construction's 9 800 pieces of "NZ" brand cigarettes with Belorussian excise duty stamps were concealed.

In accordance with the Section 201.<sup>12</sup> of the Latvian Administrative Violations Code (hereinafter - LAVC) the proceedings on administrative violation matters have been initiated in relation with the infringements of the customs rules.

On 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 a motor car "Volkswagen", driven by a citizen of the Republic of Belarus, entered from the Russian Federation via the "Green Corridor". While carrying out physical control, customs officials discovered that the concealment has been created above the sillbox of the vehicle. There were 12 340 pieces of "MINSK" and "NZ" brand cigarettes with Belorussian excise duty stamps in the concealment. In accordance with the Section 201.<sup>12</sup> of LAVC an administrative violation protocol was drawn up in relation with the infringement of the customs rule.

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