

Flyer held with banned cigarettes

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Mohali: A cache of banned imported cigarettes was seized on Thursday at Chandigarh International Airport. The customs department claims the 1,050 packets were being smuggled into the country by some passengers who arrived from Sharjah.

In the past four days, the department has intercepted five passengers from three flights with imported cigarettes. On Thursday, Ashok Kumar of Tilak Nagar, Delhi, was caught with allegedly 150 packets of 'Mond Super Slims' brand cigarettes of paan flavor, worth about Rs 75,000. The passenger was fined Rs 10,000 and the cigarettes were confiscated.

On Monday, another three passengers from Delhi were caught with 600 packets of Mond Superslim apple flavor cigarettes worth about Rs 3 lakh. They were fined Rs 30,000. On Saturday last week, a passenger was caught smuggling Pine brand superslim cigarette worth about Rs 1.5 lakh. He was also from Delhi and was carrying 300 packets of the banned cigarettes. This flyer was fined Rs 15,000.