

➤ Imported cigarettes seized in Kovai

COIMBATORE: Customs officials seized 60 packs of imported cigarettes from two passengers from Sharjah at Coimbatore international airport on Friday. The cigarettes were found by officials during a routine check at the airport. When the duo Abubucker and Ashraf (from Kerala) landed at the airport at 4 am by Air Arabia flight from Sharjah, their suitcase was checked and

the foreign cigarettes were detected. "As per the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COPTA), pictorial warnings should be carried in the cigar packs. Only brands in India have those pictorial warnings and bringing foreign brands in huge numbers is an offence," said the officials. The cigarettes were seized and both of them are being interrogated.