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Based on intelligence, Officers of Vijayawada Customs (Prev.) Commissionerate kept surveillance and intercepted a consignment with Paris brand foreign cigarettes on the early morning of 02-01-2023 at the outskirts of Narsaraopeta town, Palnadu district.

The "Paris" brand foreign cigarettes were loaded on a transport lorry carrying Atta flour bags and covered with a tarpaulin to conceal the goods. When questioned regarding the nature of the goods, Driver of the lorry informed that, the goods loaded in the vehicle at Muzaffarpur(Bihar) are Cigarettes and goods loaded in the vehicle at Katni, Madhya Pradesh are Maida/ATTA and Besan. On detailed verification of the lorry resulted into detection of total *30 lakh sticks* valued at ₹3 crore. Based on the markings on the packets, these cigarettes seem to be originating from Myanmar. The officers noticed that there is no pictorial warning and no information regarding Date/Year of manufacture and MRP on the packet. Accordingly, officers of Customs, Vijayawada seized the valued around *INR 3,00,00,000*/- on the reasonable belief that the goods are liable for confiscation under provisions of the Customs Act 1962



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