

DRI SEIZES RS 24 CRORE ILLEGAL CIGARETTES, ARRESTS FIVE

MUMBAI: The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) in Mumbai intercepted 1.2 crore foreign-origin cigarettes, worth approximately Rs 24 crore, en route to Arshiya Free Trade Warehousing Zone. The cigarettes, banned due to non-compliance with Indian standards, were intended to be smuggled by a five-member syndicate that included an importer, all of whom have been arrested. Intelligence led DRI officials to a diverted container, with a follow-up operation unearthing an additional 13 lakh cigarettes in a separate warehouse. The goods were set to be replaced with declared goods to deceive customs officials.