

## Chennai Air Customs seize 2L cigarettes smuggled from Vietnam

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Officials said the import was in violation of the Customs Act, 1962, and also the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Rules, which mandate health warnings and packaging standards. Smugglers had attempted to evade these rules as well as customs duty.



The customs have registered a case and are trying to nab the receiver to whom the package was sent from Vietnam. The officers have also filed a case against the courier firm, and further investigation is under way.

Authorities noted that such illegal imports not only cause loss of revenue but also pose serious risks to public health and distort fair trade in the tobacco sector.

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