

Hit against VAT Fraud



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Months of investigation into a criminal network involved in large-scale VAT fraud concerning tobacco smuggling culminated in a joint action day on 16 August 2022. The network had regularly and illegally delivered large quantities of cigarettes produced in the United Arab Emirates to Hungary, causing an estimated damage - by tax evasion to the EU budget - of more than €8,750,000. As a result of this cooperation, over €750,000 in several currencies, seven luxury cars, and 49 luxury wrist watches were able to be seized in Hungary. One suspect was also arrested.

The action was supported by Eurojust and Europol and involved authorities in Hungary, Austria, the Czech Republic and Poland.

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