

Italy: Successful Strike against Tobacco Smuggling

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Italy's Guardia di Finanza [successfully broke up a tobacco smuggling ring](#) in May 2020. After OLAF's tip-off, the Italian authorities raided the port of Salerno and led an investigation against 69 persons. They uncovered two consignments of smuggled tobacco that were being shipped from the United Arab Emirates. The operation resulted in the arrest of 39 persons, including officials, customs brokers, and company employees. These persons are now being prosecuted for a variety of crimes, including corruption, embezzlement, illegal access to databases, receiving stolen goods, smuggling, and international waste trafficking.

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