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Two men arrested by HM Customs

Two Spanish nationals (aged 45 & 37) were arrested by Customs on Saturday afternoon. Customs Officers challenged them in the North Mole area after monitoring suspect activity; a consequent search of a Spanish registered vehicle found it to contain 8,600 cigarettes (43 cartons); the car and cigarettes have been seized by Customs, the two men have been bailed to surrender on March 29th.

HM Customs seizure at Western Beach

In a separate incident on Friday, March 16th, Officers of HM Customs seized 2,080 cigarettes (10+ cartons) which were detected concealed within a buoy at Western Beach. Investigation into this matter is ongoing.

Further seizure at Western Beach

In an unrelated incident, Officers of HM Customs working together with Officers of the Royal Gibraltar Police and Gibraltar Defence Police conducted an area search of Western Beach at around 11pm on Saturday night. 10,000 cigarettes (50 cartons) were recovered in the operation. A 32 year old local man was arrested by Customs in relation to the incident and subsequently bailed to surrender on April 5th. The cigarettes were seized by HM Customs.