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**Cigarettes seized by HM Customs – 2 arrested**

HM Customs have seized a vehicle and 27,000 cigarettes and made two arrests in three incidents.

In one incident, two Spanish nationals were arrested by HM Customs after their vehicle was searched and found to contain 20,400 cigarettes (102 cartons).

The two men, a 43 year old resident in Rota and a 59 year old from Cuenca, were seen acting suspiciously and were approached by Customs in a west side car park where they were arrested for offences under the Tobacco Act.

Both men have been bailed to surrender on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The cigarettes and a Spanish registered vehicle have been seized by HM Customs.

In two other incidents, cigarettes were seized after being detected on routine patrols. 3,600 cigarettes (18 cartons) were seized on Winston Churchill Avenue and a further 3,000 (15 cartons) in a car park near Catalan Bay. These detections are believed to be unrelated and enquiries into both matters are ongoing.