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HM Customs cigarette seizures – 4 men arrested

HM Customs have seized 128,000 cigarettes and arrested 4 men in two separate operations.

Two Spanish nationals (aged 39 & 28) were arrested after being challenged by Customs Officers on Sunday afternoon. Both are residents of La Linea and were seen acting suspiciously at the entrance to New Harbours Industrial Estate. A search of their vehicles resulted in the detection of 121,000 cigarettes (605 cartons) concealed within two Spanish registered cars.

Investigation into the matter continues; meanwhile, the men have been bailed to surrender on March 14th.

Both vehicles and cigarettes have been seized by HM Customs.

In a separate matter, HM Customs stopped and searched a Spanish registered car in the upper town area and arrested the 30 year old Spanish national driver after detecting 7,000 cigarettes (35 cartons) inside the car.

A 20 year old local man was also arrested in a subsequent search of premises in relation to the matter.

Both the Algeciras resident and the British Citizen are bailed to surrender on March 14th.

The vehicle and cigarettes have been seized by HM Customs.