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HM CUSTOMS
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HM Customs Cigarette seizure – 2 arrests

HM Customs, together with the Royal Gibraltar Police, intercepted an alleged attempt to export cigarettes at midnight on Wednesday night. Two units of HM Customs attended British Lines Road and gave chase to a vehicle which had approached the frontier fence and fled the scene upon the arrival of HM Customs vehicles.

The vehicle was challenged and detained at Emerson's Place following the pursuit and found to contain 20,000 cigarettes (100 cartons).

Two men made good their escape from the area. Pursuant to investigation and identification, the two men were arrested by HM Customs in the early hours of yesterday morning.

The men, a 19 year old British national resident in Gibraltar and a 23 year old Spanish resident of San Roque were released to surrender to bail on February 7th. The 20,000 cigarettes and two locally registered vehicles have been seized by HM Customs.