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HM Customs seize 50,000 cigarettes at Eastern Beach

Officers of HM Customs have disrupted a cigarette exportation operation. Eight men were intercepted at the northern end of eastern beach road whilst in the process of running towards the frontier fence carrying master cases of cigarettes.

When challenged by Customs Officers, the men discarded the cases and fled into the sea. The Gibraltar Defence Police attended in support of the HMC operation with a presence at the east end of the airfield.

The men made their way swimming to Spain and were intercepted and detained by Civil Guards on the Spanish beach who had also attended.

A Spanish registered car and 50,000 cigarettes (250 cartons) were seized by HM Customs during the operation.

A Customs investigation into the incident is ongoing.