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**HM CUSTOMS**  
**Custom House**  
**Waterport**



**PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Cigarette seizure**

HM Customs has disrupted an attempt to unlawfully export a commercial quantity of cigarettes in the early hours of this morning.

A Spanish registered car was seen to be driven into the loop exit road to Spain at Winston Churchill Avenue and was stopped by Customs officers. The driver, a Spanish national, was challenged and arrested when an initial search of the car indicated it to contain the commercial quantity of cigarettes; he resisted arrest and made good his escape by running to Spain.

A total of 95,700 cigarettes (over 478 cartons) were found in the car. The cigarettes and the vehicle have been seized by HM Customs.

An investigation is ongoing.

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