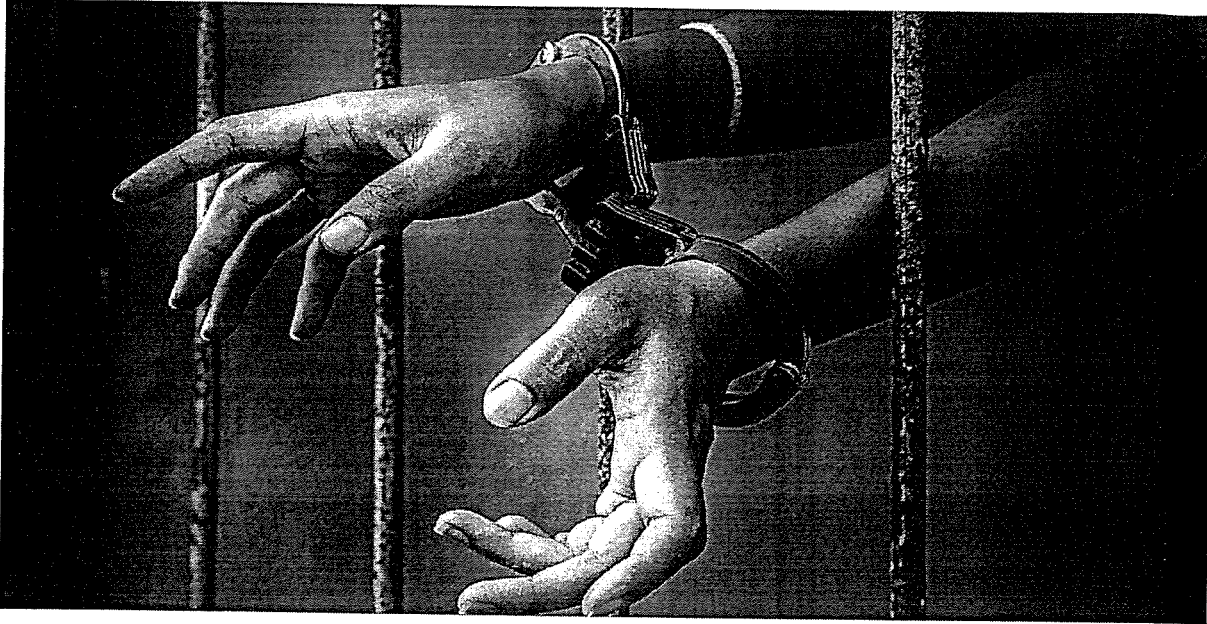


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DRI seizes imported sesame seeds worth Rs 4.5 crore in Mundra



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The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Ahmedabad has seized imported sesame seeds of Rs 4.53 crores from an importer in Mundra.

Acting on a specific intelligence of an importer based at Deesa involved in the import of raw sesame seeds at Mundra port from Sudan without having the valid Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) licence, a search was carried out at the office and factory premises of the said importer.

During interrogation, the partner of the importer firm confessed that he knew that the FSSAI Licence was required for the import of raw sesame seeds. He

admitted that they were importing sesame seeds without a licence from the Central Licensing authority as required under Food Safety and Standards (Imports) Regulations, 2017.

A total of ten containers of imported sesame seeds which were already customs cleared from Mundra port lying in their factory premises were seized.

Officers of DRI Gandhidham seized 24 more containers of sesame seeds which were awaiting customs clearance at Mundra port. Thus, a total of 34 containers containing approximately 612 MTS of raw sesame seeds of the declared value of Rs 4.53 crores imported have been seized by DRI, Ahmedabad.

This is the second seizure by DRI Ahmedabad in this week. Two days ago, the DRI had intercepted two passengers, carrying foreign currency worth Rs 25.25 lakhs and flying to Bangkok from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International airport (SVPI). Based on a specific intelligence about Ahmedabad based gold smuggling syndicate attempting to smuggle a huge amount of foreign currencies out of India to Bangkok, officials from DRI intercepted Parshottam Rajani and Rajkumar Tharwani, who was sent by the smuggling syndicate by SpiceJet Flight SG-85 on April 18.