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DRI seizes smuggled items worth Rs 20 crore

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SURAT: The directorate of revenue intelligence (DRI) have seized a large quantity of foreign assorted goods including cosmetics and wrist watches worth over Rs 20 crore from the inland container depot at Sachin in Surat on Tuesday.

Official sources said that based on the intelligence received by DRI sleuths in Surat, a Mumbai-based firm had smuggled footwear, wrist watches, cosmetics, purse, bags, undergarments etc. of various global brands by resorting to mis-declaration of customs duty from ICD Sachin.

Acting on the intelligence, the container containing the furniture inland haulage for laden container was examined and 54 PP of woven bags containing PVC soles, undergarments, duppata and 618 cartons consisted of assorted items of footwear, wrist watches, cosmetics, purse, bags of different foreign brands were found in place of declared goods.

The goods of various foreign brands worth more than Rs 20 crore have been detained by DRI under provision of customs act, 1962.