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THREE MEN ARRESTED FOR SMUGGLING DUTY UNPAID CIGARETTES

The Police have arrested three men, aged between 42 and 44, for their suspected involvement in smuggling duty-unpaid cigarettes.

2 On 30 April 2021, in a joint operation with the Singapore Customs, officers from the Police Coast Guard (PCG) arrested the three men and seized 781 cartons and 229 packets of duty-unpaid cigarettes along Gul Road. The total duty and Goods and Service tax evaded amounted to more than \$103,000 and more than \$7,000 respectively. The three men have been charged in court on 30 Apr 2021.

3 The Police would like to remind the public that we do not tolerate any illegal activities in Singapore waters. PCG will continue to work closely with other maritime and enforcement agencies to safeguard our waters and sea borders against crime and security threats, including smuggling activities.

4 Buying, selling, conveying, delivering, storing, keeping, having in possession or dealing with duty-unpaid goods are serious offences under the Customs Act and the GST Act. Offenders can be fined up to 40 times the amount of duty and GST evaded and/or jailed for up to six years.

5 Members of public with information on smuggling activities or evasion of Customs duty or GST can call the Singapore Customs hotline on 1800-2330000, email customs_intelligence@customs.gov.sg to report these illegal activities.

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