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Singapore Customs arrests two men and seizes haul of illegally produced liquor

Singapore Customs arrested two male Chinese nationals, aged 42 and 47, and seized more than 670 bottles, 30 jerry cans and two pails of illegally produced liquor in an operation on 6 August 2021.

Case information

Based on information received, Singapore Customs mounted an operation at a carpark in the vicinity of Bedok North Street 2 on the morning of 6 August 2021. Officers checked on a Singapore-registered car and its driver and found 60 bottles of illegally produced liquor in the car boot. A subsequent search at the man's residence at Canberra Road uncovered another 300 bottles of illegally produced liquor. The driver, a 42-year-old Chinese national, was arrested.

In a follow-up search on the same day at an industrial unit in Woodlands East Industrial Estate, where the liquor was allegedly produced, officers found 313 bottles, 34 jerry cans and two pails of liquor in the unit. In addition, alcohol meter, measuring equipment, aluminium chamber and water tanks were found at the premises. A 47-year-old Chinese was arrested at the unit.

The operation led to a seizure of one Singapore-registered car, 673 bottles, 34 jerry cans, and two pails of illegally produced liquor, and a set of apparatus suspected to be used to produce the liquor. Investigations are ongoing against the two men arrested.

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.

Manufacturing dutiable goods or having in possession any still, utensil, apparatus, equipment or machinery for the manufacture of dutiable goods without a licence are offences under the Customs Act. Offenders can be fined up to \$5,000 and/or jailed for up to 18 months.

Members of public with information on smuggling activities or evasion of customs duty or GST can call the Singapore Customs hotline on 1800-233-0000 or email customs_intelligence@customs.gov.sg to report these illegal activities.

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Annex



Alcohol meter, measuring equipment, aluminium chambers and water tanks, as well as bottles, jerry cans and pails containing illegally produced liquor found in the industrial unit at Woodlands East.



Illegally produced liquor found in the rear boot of the car in the vicinity of Bedok North Street 2.



Illegally produced liquor found in one of the men's residence at Canberra Road.