

Cigarettes in Belgium

A major success was also investigating the Enttarnung a veritable hub of illegal trade in cigarettes in Belgium. Belgian and German investigators succeeded in various repositories for cigarette smuggling in the area of Liege / Ghent noted. For this was also the German black market with over Greece in the EU reached smuggled goods served. One in April 2008 with the participation of German customs investigators conducted operation led to a record quantity 101 million cigarettes beeing secured. Nine people were arrested in Belgium and four warehouses will be excavated.

In June 2008 succeeded in a sensitive blow to the people back in Greece. Based in Germany has obtained European arrest warrants Greek investigators took four accused in the Athens area noted. The suspects are beeing transfered meanwhile to the German authorities. In six searches in Greece were also representatives of the customs Hanover and the prosecutor Oldenburg spot. Coinciding with the measures in Greece were more suspects arrested in Germany.

An investigative success in this volume succeed only through close and trusting cooperation between the investigating authorities in all affected states. In addition, the Europe-wide investigations into the two-year trial period by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) supported.

Entirely different kind of dangers threatening the end-users, however, the hot commodity. Counterfeits of established and well-known brands had a significant share of the proceeds of the smuggling criminal organization. Of these falsifications, which visuallly often barely discernible, can manufacture the unclear circumstances, the unknown and possible other tobacco ingredients additional health hazards.

The cheap tax claim amounts to a total of 55,000 euros.

The investigation of the customs office of Frankfurt am Main time currently. It is not excluded that the alleged offender has more often in the trade in untaxed cheap discount cigarettes were involved.

You need to now because of the suspicion of commercial cheap responsibility.