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PRESS RELEASE

In pursuance of its continuous efforts being made by vigilant officers of the Customs Mundra Commissionerate, an illicit consignment of Chinese firecrackers/fireworks, valued at approximately Rs. 4.17 crore being smuggled in to India has been busted out. Wherein, on examination of the goods imported in one container the Special Investigation and Intelligence Branch of Customs Mundra along with Docks Officers has successfully seized huge quantities of Chinese firecrackers/fireworks which are illicitly imported in the name of a IEC holder based in NCR region by misdeclaring them as “Wallpapers”. The further investigation is under progress.

Fireworks/Firecrackers in India have been declared as restricted item under ITC (HS) in respect of import by Director General of Foreign Trade. Further, import of fireworks/firecrackers for sale and possession into India requires license issued from Chief Controller of Explosives under the Explosive Rules, 2008 by Petroleum & Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO). Firecrackers and fireworks are harmful as they contain banned chemicals like red lead, copper oxide, lithium, etc. Firecrackers pose a significant risk to public safety, port infrastructure, and the wider logistics supply chain due to their highly combustible nature.

This meticulously vigilant work of the officers of Customs, Mundra Commissionerate underscores Customs Mundra's unwavering resolve to combat smuggling, safeguard the nation's critical infrastructure, and protect public safety. By preventing these illegal hazardous shipments from entering Indian markets, Customs Mundra has averted potential hazards ranging from accidental explosions to supply chain disruptions.



