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SARS Customs officials detain 48 000 suspected counterfeit jerseys

Durban, 14 May 2010 – South African Revenue Services (SARS) Customs officials operating at Durban harbour detained a container with 48000 counterfeit South Africa football jerseys yesterday.

The consignment of suspected counterfeit jerseys has been detained for mis-declaration as they were declared as pots. Tests to confirm their status of the goods will also be carried out by the lawyers representing Adidas.

The detention of the 48 000 counterfeit jersey's adds to a successful week for SARS Customs officials in Durban following the arrest of a passenger at King Shaka International Airport. The individual was arrested on Wednesday after she attempted to traffic 62 bullets of pure cocaine weighing 1,28kg, with an estimated street value of R1,6m.

On Monday the Detector Dog Unit operating at the Durban Mail Centre seized, 51kg of Cannabis with a street value of R 102 000.00. The narcotics, destined for the United Kingdom were declared as documents and were packed in 5 boxes each containing 10 bricks of the substance. The narcotic seizures have been handed over to the South African Police Service for further investigation.

SARS Customs would like to remind the public that any suspicious business activity can be reported to our toll free Fraud and Anti Corruption hotline which is 0800 00 28 70.

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