

# Danish Customs officers fine ship and crew for illegal cigarettes in Skagen

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## **An inspection of a ship in Danish port of Skagen resulted in two violations of failure to declare cigarettes.**

The violations occurred in connection with an inspection of a ship in Skagen, where the Customs Board's inspection officers found illegal cigarettes that were not declared. Initially, the ship had declared 10,000 cigarettes, but it turned out that the customs officers found 11,600 cigarettes.

This means that the fees and fine for this violation amount to around DKK 14,000 (around \$2,200) for failure to declare the 1,600 cigarettes.

Later, 800 cigarettes were found on a crew member who had only declared 200 cigarettes, which is why he must pay for the remaining 600 that were not declared, which costs a total bill of fines and taxes of over DKK 5,000 (around \$790).

“The maritime control of provisions and the ship’s cargo is an important focus area for us, and we are very satisfied to see that our controls are working. It is quite deliberate that we check ships where we have a suspicion or intelligence that there may be illegal goods on board,” says Jeppe Kjærgaard, who is the inspection director at the Danish Customs Agency.

There are taxes on tobacco in Denmark. Therefore, it is an important task for the authorities to ensure that the correct tax is paid on the goods and provisions.

The Danish Customs Agency controls taxes, among other things, on tobacco on behalf of the Danish Tax Agency, which collects taxes on all goods within the EU.