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Why the massive black market trade in cigarettes affects you even if you don't smoke

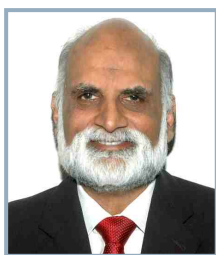
June 25 2014 | Washington Post

A National Academy of Sciences committee meets this week to study a large, growing and little understood black market in drugs. But rather than cocaine, heroin and methamphetamine, the committee members will be discussing tobacco cigarettes.

The global black market in tobacco is estimated to supply 11.6% of the world's consumption, a startling 650 billion cigarettes a year. And there are two components to this market that have drawn the particular scrutiny of law enforcement: fake cigarettes and tax avoidance. The reason why fake cigarettes are big business will be obvious to anyone who tunes in to Mad Men.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2014/06/25/why-the-massive-black-market-trade-in-cigarettes-affects-you-even-if-you-dont-smoke/?tid=hpModule_a2e19bf486a3-11e2-9d71-f0feafdd1394

Chair's Message



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Smuggling and counterfeiting is a problem that is taking on ominous proportions. What is particularly alarming is that there is no end in sight to this growing threat. FICCI CASCADE has been advocating the need to strengthen the legal and regulatory structure, as well as to enhance their enforcement. On this year's World Anti Counterfeiting Day, on 5th June, FICCI CASCADE celebrated 'excellence' by recognizing the best performing officers from Delhi Police and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence who have done distinguished work in enforcement of anti-counterfeiting and anti-smuggling laws. We also commemorated youth empowerment in combating the all-pervasive ills of such illegal trade practices by awarding the winners of an elocution competition organized for school and college student. The need of the hour is a joint effort of all stakeholders, be it the enforcement agencies, the industry or the consumers themselves to reinforce the existing administrative framework. We all have to work concerted to curb this menace.

FICCI CASCADE in NEWS

FMCG companies fire-fight to curb counterfeiting menace

But experts say that incidence of reporting by companies is actually not high, which is compounding matters

June 18, 2014 | Business Standard Online

The market for spurious fast moving consumer goods (FMCG) in India is estimated to be nothing less than Rs 45,000 crore, according to a recent study by industry body Assocham. This is almost 23% of the overall Rs 2-lakh-crore FMCG market in India, an eight percentage point growth in five years. What more? The market for spurious goods is only estimated to grow given the sophistication with which manufacturers today are imitating and producing fake goods.

A recent report by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry pegs the revenue loss to the government on account of spurious personal care products at Rs 4,646 crore. If other categories are taken into account, the number will exceed Rs 10,000 crore, experts say.

http://www.business-standard.com/article/companies/fmcg-companies-fire-fight-to-curb-counterfeiting-menace-114061800361_1.html

World Anti - Counterfeiting Day

05 June 2014, New Delhi



FICCI CASCADE (Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy) celebrated excellence on World Anti Counterfeiting Day on June 05, 2014 at FICCI by recognizing best performing officers from Delhi Police and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence for their distinguished work in handling cases related to counterfeiting and smuggling. Sub Inspector, Sandeep Kumar from Economic Offences Wing of

Delhi Police was awarded Best Investigation Officer, Delhi Police for his exceptional skills in investigation of counterfeiting and smuggling activities. In the last six months Mr. Kumar had seized articles of estimated value of Rs. 7,70,000/- approximately.

Mr. M. Arun Kanth, Deputy Director, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Chennai Zonal Unit was awarded Best Performing Officer from DRI for his distinguished work in enforcement of anti counterfeiting and anti - smuggling laws. FICCI CASCADE also awarded winners of the Interschool and intercollegiate elocution competition 'Youth Against Counterfeiting and Smuggling' which was held earlier this month.

Mr. Manoj Kumar Parida, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Government of India, Chief Guest at the event felicitated the winners. While addressing the programme, Mr. Parida urged the stakeholders to join hands to ensure that quality and originality of the product is assured and punishment is meted out to the defaulters. He said that the consumers must be convinced against buying fake and cheap products and deterrent punishments must be awarded to defaulters and those indulging in counterfeiting. The programme was attended by senior officials from the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Customs, Delhi Police and Industry members.

Socio-Economic Impact of Counterfeiting and Smuggling Capacity Building Programme

18 June 2014, NACEN Faridabad



FICCI CASCADE (Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy) in association with the National Academy of Customs, Excise and Narcotics, (NACEN) organized a capacity building programme on the 'Socio-Economic Impact of Counterfeiting and Smuggling' on June 18 at NACEN, Faridabad. The objective was to sensitize trainee officers of Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Central

Excise) on the ill effects of counterfeiting and smuggling on the economy, and on the society as a whole.

Dr. G. Sreekumar Menon (IRS), Director General, NACEN, the Chief Guest at the programme, in his welcome remarks he stated that counterfeiting and smuggling was a global problem of enormous scale, impacting human lives and virtually every industry sector around the world. India was no exception, suffering significant economic and health & safety consequences as a result of widespread counterfeiting, piracy and smuggling in the country. Dr. Menon urged industry to make their products and services optimally priced so that consumers did not fall into the trap of the counterfeit and smuggled market.

Mr. P.C. Jha, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE and Ex-Chairman, Central Board of Excise and Customs gave a detailed overview on the Socio-Economic Impact of Counterfeiting and Smuggling. In his presentation Mr. Jha highlighted FICCI CASCADE's initiatives to curb smuggling and counterfeiting through various awareness programmes engaging industry, policy makers, law enforcement officials, voluntary organizations, the youth and consumer at

Awareness through Art



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large. He added that that one of FICCI CASCADE's mandates was capacity building of law enforcement agencies including for Judges, Police and Customs Officers and CASCADE has been working extensively in this area nationally, organizing training programmes and seminars along with continuous Interactions with the law enforcement authorities to emphasize on the importance of continued awareness and seriousness of the impact of counterfeit and smuggled goods.

Eminent experts and industry representatives such as Dr. Alka Chawla, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Delhi and Advisor, Mr. Ravi Mathur, Chief Executive Officer, GS1, India, Ms. Anshika Jha, Senior Intellectual Property Adviser, UK

Intellectual Property Office, New Delhi, Mr. Shakil Ahmed, Head Global Security, South Asia, Pfizer, Mr. Anubhav Jain, Anti-Counterfeit I&E Manager, Hewlett-Packard, Mr. Santosh Dwivedi, Senior Investigator and Consultant, Beiersdorf etc. deliberated on the key issues & challenges and shared their insights on the theme.

Mr. Dipankar Barkakati, Additional Director, FICCI proposed the Vote of Thanks.

The capacity building programme was attended by over 120 officers of Indian Revenue Service (Customs and Central Excise), in day-long interactive event.

International News

Taxing cigarette carries a big toll: Smuggling runs rampant

June 3, 2014 | *The Times Herald*

As state and local units of government continue to increase cigarette excise taxes to raise revenue, smugglers apparently continue to profit from their illicit trafficking. We estimate that for 2012, 27.6 percent of all cigarettes consumed in Michigan were smuggled into the state. Nationwide, our research — and other academic papers — suggest cigarette smuggling is not abating dramatically. There is both empirical and recent anecdotal evidence to suggest the problem is increasing in some areas and right alongside big excise tax hikes.

<http://www.thetimesherald.com/article/20140603/OPINION/306030020/Taxing-cigarette-carries-big-toll-Smuggling-runs-rampant>

Member of Largest Counterfeit Goods Conspiracy Ever Charged Sentenced to 46 Months in Prison

02 June 2014 | *World News Report*

A member of a massive, international counterfeit goods conspiracy was sentenced today to 46 months in prison for his role in the scheme, U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced. Ming Zheng, a/k/a “Uncle Mi,” 48, of New York, previously pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Esther Salas to an information charging him with a conspiracy to launder money. Judge Salas imposed the sentence today in Newark federal court.

http://world.einnews.com/article/207684387/zATd_2wOjCk9-86I

Revenue body to pump up efforts against alcohol, cigarette smuggling

JUNE 11, 2014 | *Stabroek News*

The Guyana Revenue Authority (GRA) is putting systems in place to crack down on smuggled alcoholic beverages and cigarettes. The Agency yesterday received bids for the design and implementation of a digital excise stamping programme for alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

<http://www.stabroeknews.com/2014/news/stories/06/11/revenue-body-pump-efforts-alcohol-cigarette-smuggling/>

National News

'Lack of action' on tobacco firms

June 14, 2014 | *Yahoo News*

MPs have complained of a "farcical" lack of action against tobacco manufacturers in a stinging assessment of Government efforts to tackle smuggling. An investigation by the Commons home affairs select committee said failures in dealing with illicit cigarettes were "a matter of grave concern". But it also suggested that concerns over boosting the black market should not trump public health considerations in the debate over plain packaging.

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/lack-action-tobacco-firms-230112389.html#23pqm2V>

Drive against illegal liquor: Excise dept seize 8,400 bottles

June 3, 2014 | *Business Standard*

In a major crackdown against smuggling and sale of illegal liquor, Excise Department today conducted raids at several places in the city and seized over 8,400 bottles. The raids were conducted by Excise Department today on the direction of Lieutenant Governor Najeeb Jung, a senior Excise department official said. Various teams, constituted by the Excise Commissioner, were sent at different places in the capital to check the discrepancies in the supply as well as the quality, quantity and brand of the liquor.

http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/drive-against-illegal-liquor-excise-dept-seize-8-400-bottles-114060301898_1.html

Biggest counterfeit Indian art controversy hits auction

June 27, 2014 | *News Post*

BANGALORE: Bangalore-based Bid & Hammer's forthcoming auction has been assailed by what, perhaps, is the biggest controversy to come to light in the Indian art market, writes Neelam Raaj. Questions have been raised about the authenticity of several artworks by celebrated artists Rabindranath Tagore, Nandalal Bose, K K Hebbar, Bikash Bhattacharjee, Hemendranath Majumdar and K H Ara. Even as Rabindranath Tagore's pen and ink of three dancing figures lies in the vaults of Visva Bharati in Shantiniketan, an identical-looking work will come up for auction in Delhi on Friday.

<http://www.newslivetv.com/top-news/biggest-counterfeit-indian-art-controversy-hits-auction.html>

Consumer Rally- Fight Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting

9th July, 2014 | Jaipur

Counterfeiters and smugglers are malignant to the economy and industries and have been ruining the culture and system of the country. FICCI CASCADE seeks to strengthen the movement against smuggling and counterfeiting for social development and economic growth of the nation. FICCI CASCADE plans yet another consumer focused programme to bring the issue in the social agenda and seek individuals support; with this

objective a Consumer Rally- Fight Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting is being organised on 9th July 2014 at Jaipur. The problem of the growth of illicit activities like smuggling and counterfeiting is alarming and every individual must target at exterminating this demon from the society. It lacks passion and through such awareness programme, FICCI CASCADE tends to ignite passion among the consumers to take this initiative ahead and fight the perils of counterfeiting and smuggling.

Judiciary Roundtable on Smuggling, Counterfeiting and Piracy

12th July, 2014 | Chandigarh

FICCI CASCADE believes that awareness and outreach is an essential element in building a proactive strategy to curb counterfeiting, smuggling and piracy. FICCI CASCADE in collaboration with Chandigarh Judicial Academy is organizing a Roundtable on Smuggling, Counterfeiting and

Piracy for the Judiciary in Chandigarh on 12 July, 2014. The primary purpose of the roundtable is to focus on issues and challenges, which the Judiciary is expected to address in resolving IP disputes in the changing scenario of technology, trade policies and developments in law on the subject.

Roundtable on Smuggled and Counterfeit Food Products - July 2014

24th July, 2014 | New Delhi

Smuggling and Counterfeiting is considered as one of the world's fastest growing 'industry'. It is an enduring problem that escalates each day in scope and magnitude and thus impacts industries, consumers, governments and economies. Smuggling and counterfeiting can have broad economy-wide effects on trade, foreign investment, employment, innovation, criminality, environment and most importantly on the health of the consumers. The smuggled and counterfeit food products business is 'doing

well' in our country affecting the health of our consumers. The magnitude and effects of smuggling and counterfeiting are of such significance that they compel strong and sustained action from the governments, business and consumers. With this in view FICCI CASCADE with the Ministry of Consumer Affairs has initiated the work of its Task Force to enhance knowledge support and learning on the subject and formulate prevention and management strategies.

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