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PRESS NOTE

DRI thwarts attempt to smuggle Red Sanders logs worth Rs. 5.28 Cr. from Chennai Sea Port destined to China

On the basis of specific intelligences, DRI mounted surveillance on the suspected containers for loading on to the vessels bound for UNLOADING IN Shanghai, china. The containers were identified by the officers upon entry in the port before loaded on to the vessels for sailing. The container identified on Friday (08.06.2018), inspected at the wharf and found to have Red Sanders logs.

The documents submitted for clearance in this 20ft container laden with red sanders export consignment, it is declared as "**Rubber Hydraulic Hose**" with final destination as China. The detailed examination held on 19.06.2018 of the said container in the presence of forest officials revealed that about 11.750 MTs of Red Sanders logs were found stuffed inside the container whose market value is around Rs. 5.28 Cr.

It is noticed that the documents submitted before customs for clearance were forged. Red Sanders also called as Pterocarpus santalinus, has a highly restrictive distribution in the South Eastern portion of Indian peninsula to which it is endemic.

The export of red sanders in log form are prohibited in terms of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992, all goods to which sub section (2) applies shall be deemed to be goods, the import or export of which has been prohibited under Section 11 of the Customs Act, 1962.

Under the ITC (HS) notified by DGFT as per para 2.1 of Foreign Trade Policy formulated under Section 5 of the foreign trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992, export of red sanders wood (Tariff Entry No. 44039918) in any form is prohibited.



