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Fictitious VAT invoices for 13 million PLN. "Laundered" 67 million PLN. Detained businessmen from Wólka Kosowska

Agents from the Regional Office of the CBA in Łódź detained another three people in the investigation of, inter alia, issuing and using within the organized crime group VAT invoices attesting untruth, depletion of the State Treasury's receivables in virtue of the tax on goods and services, as well as legalizing cash proceeds from crimes.

In Warsaw, CBA agents detained three businessmen of Vietnamese origin who were active in the textile industry in Wólka Kosowska. The CBA officers searched the detainee's apartments - we secured, among others, several hundred thousand zlotys, foreign currency and a gold watch of a known brand. The activities were carried out with the participation of officers of the customs and tax office in Łódź.

Investigative findings indicate, that only from March 2017 their companies issued VAT invoices attesting the untruth for nearly 13 million PLN. The members of the organized crime group detained by the CBA also heard charges of money laundering for at least PLN 67 million. These amounts may increase, activities are ongoing.

Detained people heard charges in the District Prosecutor's Office in Łódź.

In June last year the officers from the CBA's Regional Office from Łódź detained a businessman in one of the restaurants in Łódź, in the act of selling fictitious VAT invoices. To this day, in this investigation supervised by the District Prosecutor's Office in Łódź, charges regarding, inter alia, participation in the years 2014-2017 in an organized criminal group heard 29 suspects: intermediaries, helpers and representatives of companies. These groups intended to commit crimes involving fictitious trade of textile goods and issuing unreliable VAT invoices. One of the detainees - a representative of the Warsaw-based company owned by foreigners was

to "launder" nearly PLN 25 million of "dirty" cash.

Only the Regional Office of the Central Anticorruption Bureau in Łódź conducts, under the supervision of the prosecutor's office, a whole range of tax fraud investigations - revealed losses of the State Treasury due to such criminal activities reach many tens of millions of zlotys.

The officers of the CBA conducting the proceedings still do not rule out further detentions and enlargement of the list of charges in these investigations.

