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VAT carousel, in the background extortions amounting to nearly 7 million zł

Action of the CBA, Internal Security Agency and District Prosecutor's Office in Zamość. The organized criminal group in years 2015-2016, acting jointly and in agreement, led to the depletion of the State Treasury. Agents estimated losses at nearly 7 million zł.

Joint activities of the Central Anticorruption Bureau - the Regional Office in Gdańsk, together with the Internal Security Agency and the District Prosecutor's Office in Zamość, led to the detention of four persons. Among them is the management of the Podkarpackie company (the president and directors). The detainees, acting in an organized criminal group, swindled VAT by introducing into circulation fictitious invoices for the purchase of photovoltaic cells. The group operated throughout the country, as well as in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

The Podkarpackie company was supposed to produce power cells, but in reality it only played the role of the so-called "buffer", simulating trading transactions. Detainees by their actions led to the swindling of nearly 7 million zł of undue VAT tax to the detriment of the State Treasury.

The CBA and the ABW agents searched the detainees' apartments and the company's premises. Documents, data carriers and electronic data related to the criminal activity of detained persons were secured there.

Detained persons will be transferred to the District Prosecutor's Office in Zamość, where they will be charged.