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The CBA fights with VAT carrousels. Another person detained.

A man suspected of involvement in an organized crime group operations was detained by the CBA. It is related with VAT extortion in connection with steel trade. The loss of the Treasury due to this group activities is estimated at the least PLN 29 million.

The officers of the Regional Office of the CBA in Katowice have detained the member of the organized crime group. The group while operating within a VAT carousel simulated intra-Community trade of steel in order to extort VAT return.

As the officers found out the VAT invoices confirming fictitious transactions with some foreign entities were issued in years 2012-2013. The group, after reporting alleged export of goods to the revenue offices, claimed for undue VAT return. The swindle took place in Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Austria and Germany. The man detained today was coordinating activities of the entities engaged in trade of steel products and was conducting financial operations on these entities' bank accounts.

The Treasury loss determined to date, due to unpaid tax, resulting from this group activity, is estimated for at least PLN 29 million.

In the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Katowice, supervising the investigation, the detainee will be presented with charges of operating in the organized crime group, money laundering, as well as issuing fake invoices confirming fictitious events and introducing them into business trading system.

Until now twenty nine persons were presented with charges in this case. The case is ongoing and further detentions are possible.

