

# CENTRAL ANTI-CORRUPTION BUREAU

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## New CBA proceedings. Five detainees.

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Five individuals detained by the officers of the CBA Regional Office in Szczecin in connection with illegal fuel trade.

Under the supervision of the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Gdańsk, the officers of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau have been carrying out a multi-threaded investigation into an organised crime group operating from November 2015 to March 2017 throughout the country. All findings indicate that the group was abusing VAT, excise tax and fuel duty, which could expose the State Treasury to losses exceeding PLN 70 million.

In the course of the investigation, the CBA officers have collected evidence which allowed five men, residents of Szczecin and the surrounding area, to be detained and charged. The charges relate to the commission of criminal and fiscal offences involving the marketing of fuel of unknown origin, which was then sold at a petrol station in the West Pomeranian Voivodship as diesel fuel, as well as depressing and evasion of taxes in connection with the sale of unleaded petrol. One of the suspects has been accused of keeping unreliable tax records.

The direct actions of the detained suspects resulted in the reduction of public and legal charges under VAT, excise tax and fuel duty in the amount of over PLN 1,200,000. Moreover, undue reimbursement of value-added tax of over PLN 145,000 was obtained.

The investigation is active. More than 120 witnesses have been interviewed so far. Further procedural activities are being planned.

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