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## Jammed carousel - 8 individuals detained. Reduction of State Treasury receivables in the amount of PLN 308 million

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The officers of the CBA Regional Office in Łódź have detained 8 individuals involved in the so-called fuel mafia. This time, it is about tax depletion in the amount of PLN 308 million.

Further persons have obtained the status of suspects in connection with the case concerning the operation of the so-called fuel mafia on the territory of the Republic of Poland in the years 2013-2018. The proceedings have been conducted jointly by several Regional Offices of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau and the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Białystok.

This time, the officers of the CBA Regional Office in Łódź have detained 8 individuals in several voivodeships, including the managers and the employees of a few companies, also those registered in Germany and the United Kingdom, dealing with fictitious trade in lubricating oil. Moreover, one person has been brought to face charges from the detention centre in Białystok, where he has been serving a prison sentence due to other proceedings.

All findings indicate that, as part of the operation of the so-called carousel fraud, lubricating oil was purchased by foreign companies from a domestic entity, and then brought back to Poland. As a result of this action, VAT and excise duty of approximately PLN 308 million was reduced.

In the Regional Prosecutor's Office in Białystok, the detainees have been charged with, among other things, participation in criminal activities of an organised crime group, money laundering, and exposure to the depletion and the depletion of State Treasury receivables in the amount of approximately PLN 308 million in uncollected VAT and

excise duty. In the case of four detainees, the court, at the request of the prosecutor's office, has imposed a pre-trial detention for three months. The remaining ones have been subjected to non-custodial preventive measures.

These are further steps taken by the investigators recently in this multi-faceted procedure. The number of suspects is rising - 120 people have been charged so far.

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