

## Fraudulent invoices. Detentions and charges

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Further persons involved in the practice of issuing and using fictitious invoices have been detained by the CBA. The investigation concerns at least a dozen thousand invoices. At the moment, it is estimated that the suspects put the State Treasury at risk of depletion in the amount exceeding PLN 70 million.

The officers of the CBA Regional Office in Bydgoszcz, jointly with the District Prosecutor's Office in Suwałki, have been conducting proceedings concerning issuing unreliable cost invoices to entrepreneurs in Warsaw. Recently, charges have been presented and supplemented against further nine persons.

The investigation has been instigated on the grounds of the evidence gathered by the CBA officers. So far, in the course of the proceedings which have been underway for a long time, 45 suspects have been detained and charged, and several dozens of searches have been conducted, during which accounting documentation and electronic data carriers have been secured. The case is multithreaded, and the materials collected by the investigators are still being examined.

The main theme concerns the activity of an organised crime group which deals with extortion of VAT by issuing unreliable VAT invoices and introducing them into economic circulation and the so-called laundering of the proceeds of crime. Apart from Polish entities, foreign entities, i.e. Cypriot, British and Emirati companies, participated in the transfer of funds obtained from the criminal offence. The investigation covers at least a dozen thousand invoices. So far, the State Treasury losses due to the activity of this group amount to over PLN 70 million.

Further activities are planned in connection with the case due to its developing character.

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