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The European Observatory on Infringements of Intellectual Property Rights has launched the *Report on the Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the Internal Market: Result of Confiscations in the EU Member States for 2019*.

The report was prepared following the analysis of 2019 data on detentions in EU national markets, reported by Member States. The report also contains 2018 data for comparison, thus providing relevant information to relevant authorities and stakeholders in support of the analysis of intellectual property infringements in the EU.

According to figures reported by police, customs and EU internal market surveillance authorities, the annual number of goods infringing intellectual property rights reported as detained in 2019 (40 million) has decreased compared to 2018 (70 million).

Despite the significant reduction in the number of detained goods, the estimated value of goods reported as detained in the EU internal market remained almost unchanged in 2019 compared to 2018.

Of the first four subcategories of goods identified, clothing accessories rank first both by number of articles reported to be detained in the EU and by their estimated value.

For more details the report can be accessed here.

In parallel, the European Commission published the *Annual Report on the EU Customs Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in 2019*.

This report highlights the customs detentions of goods suspected of infringing intellectual property rights. In 2019, the value of the detained goods exceeded the amount of 760 million Euros, representing an increase by 30% compared to the same period of 2018.

Overall, in 2019, Member States' customs authorities made more than 90,000 detentions of goods infringing intellectual property rights, consisting of almost 41 million individual products.

Top 3 counterfeit goods detained by the customs authorities by value:

1. Watches - 21%

2. Clothing - 20%

3. Bags and wallets - 10%

Top 3 counterfeit goods retained by the customs authorities by number of articles:

1. Cigarettes - 21%

2. Packaging materials - 13%

3. Toys - 9%

Top 3 countries that were the sources of counterfeit goods detained by the customs authorities in 2019 by value of detained goods:

1. China - 56.10%

2. Hong Kong, China - 24.01%

3. Turkey - 5.85%

Top 3 countries that were the sources of counterfeit goods detained by the customs authorities in 2019 by number of detained goods:

1. China - 32.93%

2. Pakistan - 27.18%

3. Republic of Moldova - 12.94%

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