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KOTA KINABALU: The Royal Malaysian Customs Department (Sabah) seized 19,800 litres of 'Iceberg' beers worth RM360,979.20 at the Sepanggar Port early this month.

Sabah Customs Department Assistant Director-General Siti Mang said the raid was made by Customs officers after they spotted suspicious items inside a container as it went through the scanner machine at the Sepanggar Port on Sept 4.

"Customs officers were tipped off of a suspicious smuggling activity and immediately inspected a container at the Sepanggar Port at around 11.30am on Sept 4.

"As the container went through the scanner machines, they spotted suspicious items and immediately seized the container

and found 19,800 litres of 'Iceberg' beer brand worth RM360,979.20 including tax," she told a press conference on Tuesday.

Siti said investigation revealed the suspect's modus operandi was to smuggle the beers from neighbouring countries through the Sepanggar port by falsifying information on the manifests.

"The manifest shows the container contained items such as clothings, furniture, shoes, solar lamps and steels to prevent from being detected by Customs personnel at the port.

"The address of the sender was also fake," she said, adding that the case is being investigated under Section 133(1)(a) and 135(1)(a) of the Customs Act 1967.

Siti continued to urge the public to channel information to the State Customs in their effort to fight smuggling activities such as cigarettes, liquor, firecrackers, drugs,



Siti (centre) and her officers inspecting the beers that were confiscated from the Sepanggar Port early this month.

vehicles and others.

"Smuggling not only harms the country in terms of revenue leakage, but also poses a threat to national security and the well-being of the people.

"The public can information related smuggling activities through the department's toll-free line at 1-800-88-8855 or to the nearest Customs office in all states. We assure the identity of the informers will be kept confidential," she said.



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