

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES

QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NUMBER: 659 [CW756E]

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659. Ms H S Boshoff (Mpumalanga: DA) to ask the Minister of Finance: (Interdepartmental transfer – 16 September 2022)

- (1) How many counterfeit products were seized at the ports of entry such as (a) border posts, (b) airports and (c) harbours in the (i) 2019/20 and (ii) 2020/21 financial years?
- (2) whether any of such seizures led to any arrests for (a) detainment and/or (b) fines; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY

- (1) Section 15 of the Counterfeit Goods Act 37 of 1997 (CGA) provides for powers to the Customs Authority in relation to counterfeit goods imported into South Africa. SARS has intervened and detained the following volumes of counterfeit goods.

Total Seizures:

Counterfeit Seizures	2019/2020	2020/2021
No. of Clothing Seizures	108	47
Quantity (kgs)	19 896	18 815
Value	R 78 764 331.00	R 54 180 327
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No. of Footwear Seizures	421	159
Quantity (pairs)	143 806	94 560
Value	R 118 544 287.00	R 72 942 714.00
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No. of other Counterfeit Goods Seizures *	192	54
Value	R 239 419 209.00	R 92 630 577.00

**Other Counterfeit seizures includes products from clothing accessories, vehicle components, toys, bags etc.*

Counterfeit Seizures 2019/2020	Air	Land	Sea	Unallocated
No. of Clothing Seizures	102	6	0	0
Quantity (kgs)	17847	2049	0	0
Value	R 75 592 460	R 3 171 871.00	0	0
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No. of Footwear Seizures	84	324	0	13
Quantity (pairs)	14602	119078	0	10126
Value	R 60 919461.00	R 51 789 926.00	0	R 5 834 900
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No. of other Counterfeit Goods Seizures *	104	87	1	0
Value	R 219 105 571.00	R 20 170 395.00	R 143 243.00	

**Unallocated refers to non-port related cross border activity i.e. roadblocks, joint operations, border-line, etc.*

Counterfeit Seizures 2020/2021	Air	Land	Sea	Unallocated
No. of Clothing Seizures	40	7	0	0
Quantity (kgs)	15045	3770	0	0
Value	R 42 948 927.00	R 11 231 400.00	0	0
No. of Footwear Seizures				
No. of Footwear Seizures	10	149	0	0
Quantity (pairs)	5723	88837	0	0
Value	R 20 140 754.00	R 52 801 960.00	0	0
No. of other Counterfeit Goods Seizures *				
No. of other Counterfeit Goods Seizures *	29	25	0	0
Value	R 86 192 437.00	R 6 438 140.00	0	0

(2)(a)(b) SARS seizures are conducted in line with the counterfeit goods act, the institution of criminal proceedings is the prerogative of the Brand Holder and the Brand Attorney, in collaboration with the relevant authorities i.e. SAPS, DTiC.