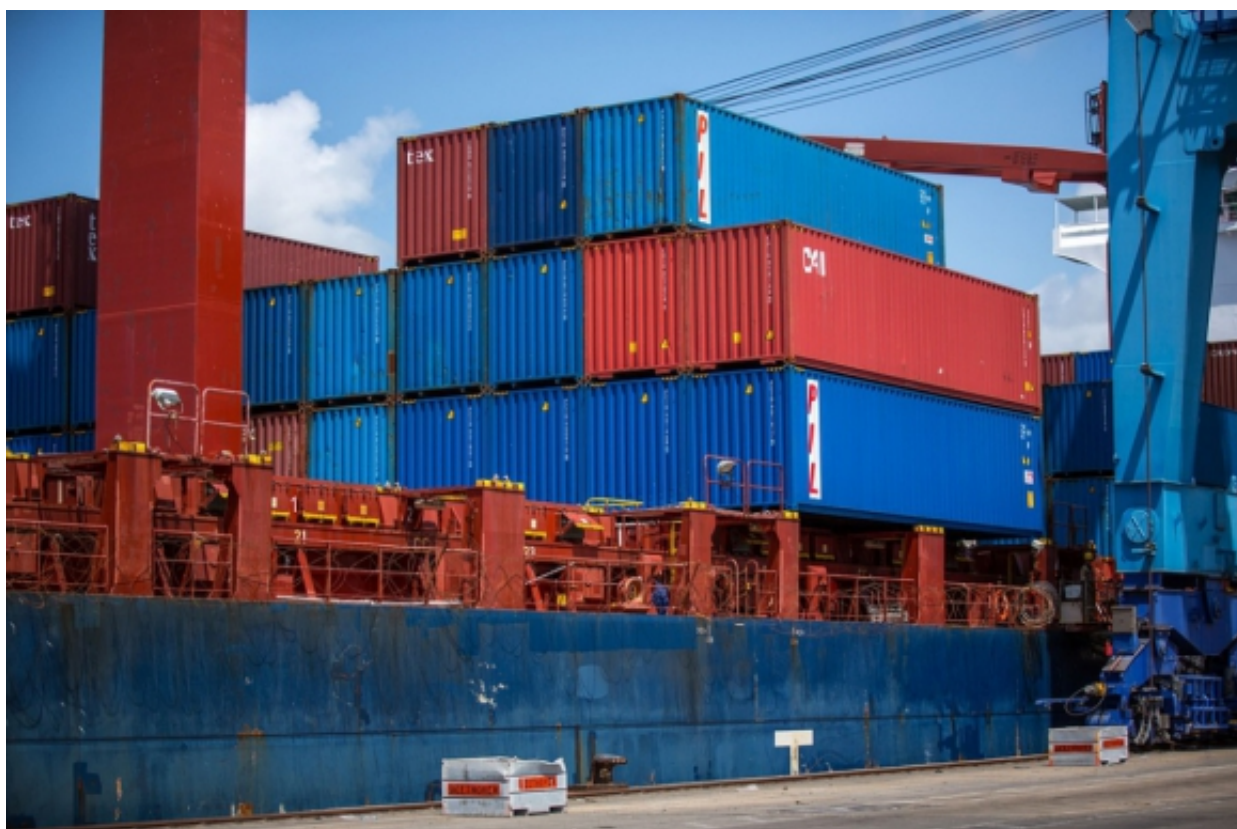


## Investigation of a probe into evasion of customs payments completed



The Main Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia has completed the investigation of a criminal case on charges of members of an organized group - Batyrbek and Inal Mamitov, Alexander Bitarov, Illarion Lee, Konstantin Shakhov, Pavel Ilyin and Alexei Grigoriev - of evasion of customs duties on an especially large scale (Paragraph 4 of Article 194 of the Criminal Code of Russia). The Bitarov and the Mamitovs, in addition, are accused of illegal creation of a legal entity committed by a group of persons under preliminary conspiracy (Paragraph B of Part 2 of Article 173.1 of the Criminal Code of Russia).

According to the investigation, in May 2017, members of the organized group, using the nominal legal entity Euro Logistics LLC, organized the delivery of goods of various categories from the port of Lubeck (Germany) to the port of Petrosport (RF, St. Petersburg), including clothing and haberdashery, under the guise of construction materials. The cost of the transported goods exceeded 65 million rubles. At the same time, the accomplices entered into the documentation deliberately false information about the category of goods transported by sea in order to evade payment of the

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established customs payments. Without performing the necessary customs operations, the goods were transported across the customs border of the Eurasian Economic Union in places actually allocated for building materials. Thus, the accused avoided paying customs duties in the amount of more than 16.2 million rubles.

The criminal case was transferred from the Northwest Customs Directorate to the Investigative Committee of Russia due to the particular complexity of the investigation. The investigators of the Main Investigative Department of the Investigative Committee of Russia carried out a significant volume of investigative activities aimed at collection and consolidation of evidence of involvement of the said persons, including 64 forensic examinations of different kinds - phonoscopic, customs, commodity and computer technology. Upon investigative motion the court arrested the property of the accused worth over 20 million rubles.

The probe was referred for approval of the indictment and subsequent referral to court.

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