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TRANSPORT CRIME: FRANCE

**RUMANIAN GANG ARRESTED OPERATING
with so-called RUMANIAN MODUS OPERANDI**

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The French Police dismantled a Rumanian gang of about 10 men specialised in stealing cargo from driving trucks (the so-called Rumanian MO...). They are suspected of some 20 robberies in France in 5 different regions with an estimated loss of € 3,5 Mio (essentially perfumes, tobacco and electronics). First incidents date from the spring 2018.

The Rumanian MO consists – as earlier reported- in following a truck from the loading point, to position a vehicle as close as possible behind the targeted truck from where one of the gangsters opens the rear doors of the truck to get access and throw from there various cartons with valuable goods into the gangsters van...

At first sight this MO seems rather unbelievable but has been confirmed earlier by CCTV installed in a targeted trailer...

The French investigation lead to several arrests and seizure of stolen goods worth about € 420.000.

Fortunately this MO remains in the Benelux the exception although we had some incidents on cargoes loaded at high-value warehouses in the area of the border BE-NL...

In Eastern- Europe more incidents of the kind are reported.

Kind regards,

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