

**Quantity and market values of illicit cigarettes seized by C&ED
from 2023 to February 2024**

2023	Quantity of Illicit Cigarettes Seized (million stick)	Market Value (\$ million)
Jan	109	300
Feb	72	217
Mar	52	193
Apr	78	290
May	76	283
Jun	17	64
Jul	29	107
Aug	45	168
Sept	67	247
Oct	25	93
Nov	54	200
Dec	25	94
Total	652	2,256

2024	Quantity of Illicit Cigarettes Seized (million stick)	Market Value (\$ million)
Jan	23	85
Feb	21	80
Total	44	165

Note: Figures may not add up to the total due to rounding.

There is no legal definition of “Cheap Whites”. In the industry, “Cheap Whites” generally refer to cigarette brands that are not popularly recognisable in the market. Their packaging is no different from ordinary duty-paid cigarettes, including the health warning markings. Illicit cigarette syndicates may pass off illicit cigarettes for sale at retail level as duty-paid cigarettes which are covered by permits. The C&ED does not keep statistics on the number of operations each year and the number of “Cheap White”.