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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **73,900 Illicit Cigarettes Seized in MATF Operation**

A total of 73,900 illicit cigarettes have been removed from the local market following an operation executed by the Multi-Agency Task Force (MATF), in the Eastern Division this week.

Operation Inchbrook 9, was conducted between 10 am and 5 pm, on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2023, during which MATF officials carried out inspections of tobacco products and other goods on sale, for compliance with the Tobacco Control Act, Standards Act and for Health and Safety requirements.

During the exercise, two locations in the Rio Claro district were searched resulting in the seizure of large quantities of illicit cigarettes, alcohol, pharmaceuticals and electrical items.

Multiple fire prevention deficiencies and electrical hazards were also identified at the two locations.

The operation included officials of the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Service, the Customs and Excise Division, the Ministry of Health, the Government Electrical Inspectorate and the OSHA Department of the Ministry of Labour.

MATF officials will continue their operations with a view to finding and seizing more illicit items on the local market.

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