

## **350kg banned tobacco products seized from warehouse in city**

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IST Coimbatore: The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) officials on Saturday seized about 350kg banned tobacco products worth about Rs 2lakh from a warehouse in the city.

Shortly after seizing about 250kg banned tobacco products from a warehouse on Thomas Street on Friday, the officials had found a small warehouse in the residential area, FSSAI designated officer B Vijayalalithambigai said. "As its owner did not turn up till night, we sealed the warehouse with the help of police. We opened it on Saturday morning in presence of the owner and found about 350kg banned tobacco products," she said.

"We have sent the sample to laboratories in Madurai. We will file a case after receiving reports from the laboratory." In a series of raids since January, the FSSAI officials have seized over five tons of banned tobacco products worth several crores of rupees.