COCAIN FROM COLOMBIA SEIZED IN SPAIN

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Spanish authorities have seized over 30 kilos of high purity cocaine near Madrid and arrested three individuals following an international police operation supported by Europol.

Originating from Colombia, the shipment of cocaine was concealed inside diesel power generators, hidden in the crankshafts of the machinery.

Guardia Civil[1] first became suspicious in February after the analysis of import documents revealed anomalies. Since the transport of the load had to cross several European countries to reach its final destination south of Madrid, exchange of information was coordinated by Europol. Working with Belgian, Dutch and French law enforcement authorities, a surveillance operation was conducted throughout the route of transport.

On arrival at the customs office in Coslada, Madrid, the load continued to be monitored by Guardia Civil and the team then saw the machinery being transported to premises in the city of Parla. There, the three individuals who started to dismantle the machinery to recover the drug, were arrested.

Those arrested are two Colombian citizens and a Spanish national, aged between 29 and 46 years old, who have been imprisoned.
