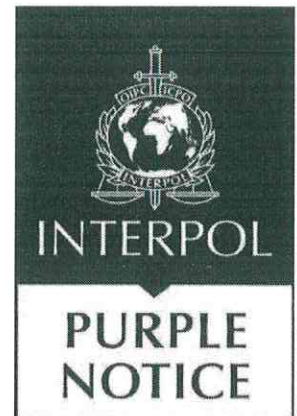


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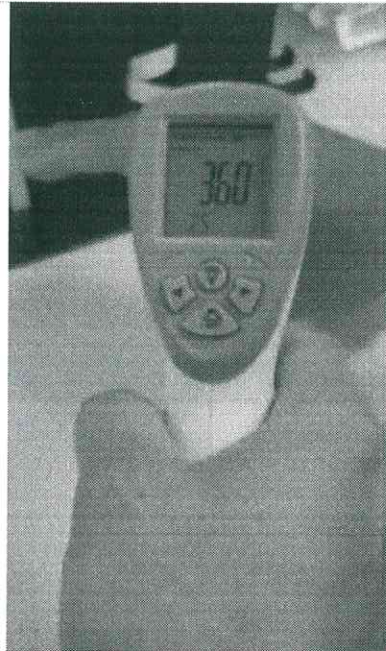
## MODUS OPERANDI

<b>Type(s) of offence:</b>	Illicit Trade in Controlled Medical Products and Equipment Related to COVID-19
<b>Date of the offence</b>	10 April 2020
<b>Place of offence:</b>	Samut Sakhon Province and Bangkok, Thailand
<b>Country of offence:</b>	Thailand
<b>Circumstances of offence:</b>	Thai authorities seized controlled medical and health products and equipment intended for illicit trade during the COVID-19 pandemic, including hand sanitizers, mask sanitizers, face masks, thermometers, and personal protective equipment (PPE) worth more than THB 114 million (USD 3,557,000).
<b>Description of modus operandi:</b>	<p>Offenders exploited the COVID-19 pandemic situation to run the illicit trade of controlled medical and health products and equipment by organizing and contacting manufacturers that produce devices, products, and equipment related to medical and health control.</p> <p>The Consumer Protection Police Division (under the Royal Thai Police), in cooperation with the Food and Drug Administration, Ministry of Public Health, and Department of Internal Trade, seized the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 473,974 bottle of hand-gel sanitizers</li><li>• 160,000 mask sanitizers</li><li>• 81,600 face masks</li><li>• 1,280 thermometers</li><li>• 4,000 items of personal protective equipment (PPE)</li></ul> <p>The seized items are worth THB 114 million (USD 3,557,000).</p> <p>The investigation revealed that 2 offenders imported the above-mentioned seized items, then organized to have them stored in 5 warehouses and attempted to sell them in online markets and elsewhere to make profit.</p> <p>Images of the seized items are as follows:</p>









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**Recommended precautionary action:**

It is strongly recommended that you circulate this purple notice to your country's law enforcement bodies to alert them about this modus operandi and to allow them to take whatever preventive and precautionary measures they deem necessary. All recipients are strongly encouraged to share data, and provide any investigative information relating to this modus operandi.

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