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Seizure of 3.6 tonnes of chira in a Unimer Proteins shipment at the port of Casablanca: the group reacts



During the seizure by National Security and Customs services of 3.6 tonnes of cannabis resin at the port of Casablanca on December 11, 2024.

A joint operation by the National Security and Customs services in the port of Casablanca foiled an attempt to traffic 3.6 tons of chira via a container of fishmeal, shipped by the company Unimer Proteins to the port of Antwerp, Belgium. The subsidiary of the Unimer group responded by stating that it reserves the right to prosecute anyone involved in this affair.

By **Youssef Bellarbi**

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Following the seizure by the National Security and Customs services at the port of Casablanca of a shipment of cannabis resin, hidden in a container of fishmeal shipped by the company Unimer Proteins, a subsidiary of the Unimer Group, an investigation was opened by the competent authorities in order to determine the exact details of this attempted trafficking and to identify the persons associated with it.

In a statement sent to *Le360*, Unimer Proteins states that it remains at the disposal of the authorities, and reserves the right to prosecute anyone involved in this case. " *The Unimer group, a major player in the Moroccan fisheries sector, has been exporting more than 1,500 containers and trucks per year for several decades via its 16 industrial subsidiaries, particularly to its historic international partners. These exports are carried out in strict compliance with regulatory procedures and have never recorded a similar incident* " the statement explains

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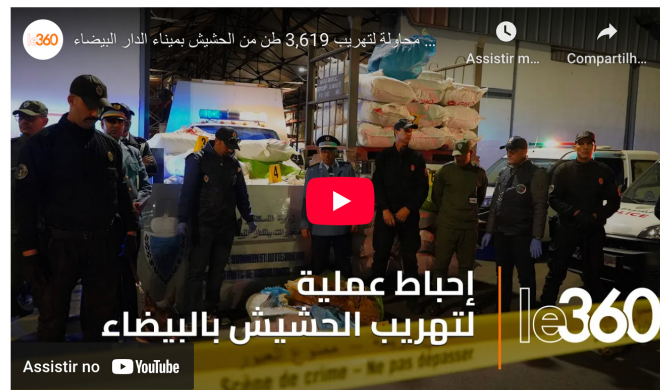


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On Wednesday, December 11, a joint operation by the National Security and Customs services foiled an attempted trafficking of 3 tons and 619 kilograms of chira.

A security source then specified that the control operations, carried out with the support of the police dog squad, had enabled the discovery of this large quantity of drugs, hidden in bales in the middle of a shipment of fishmeal, inside the container in question.



The Casablanca judicial police prefecture service is continuing its research, under the supervision of the competent public prosecutor's office, with a view to identifying all persons involved in this criminal network and its local and international ramifications.

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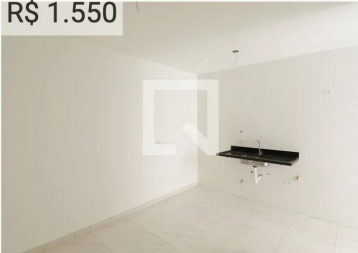
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