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LRA foils smuggling bid

Maseru, 25 June 2019: Mohair worth more than M1, 5 million was smuggled through the Peka Bridge Border Post on Wednesday, 19th June 2019. According to the report, the Driver of one local company failed to Declare the Mohair that was to be ferried to South Africa.

The said driver also wrongfully exported goods at undesignated Border post which is used only for non-commercial wares valued at M5, 000 and below. He also refused to be inspected by the Lesotho Revenue Authority (LRA) Customs Official. The driver also failed to produce the permit that would allow for exportation of wool and mohair after the outbreak of anthrax.

The truck was detained with 126 bales of mohair and its driver was arrested by the South African Police Service (SAPS) for exporting goods worth a value of more than M 5 000 at a non-commercial border post. The five border posts designated for commercial trade are, Maseru Bridge, Maputsoe Bridge, Caledonspoort, Vanroyeen's Gate and Qacha's Nek Gate.

The LRA undertakes routines checks at border posts as part of its strategy to deter non-compliance across the ports of entry.

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