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NOTICEABLE DROP IN THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY

Tobacco revenue drops by almost 30% this April

In the same month of 2024, more than 12 million were collected, while this year they remain at 8.4

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A noticeable drop in tobacco revenue at Customs during April. According to the latest monthly report, which was made public this Monday, during the last month 8.4 million euros were collected, a figure that is 29.7% lower than the records of the same month of the previous year, when it reached 12 million. That is why, since the beginning of the year, revenue from tobacco import fees at Customs has reached 31.2 million, 28.5% less compared to the first four months of 2024.

Regarding net monthly revenue, they also present negative data. Specifically, the monthly customs report highlights that April closed with total revenues of 18.6 million, 14.6% less than April 2024, while the accumulated revenue since the beginning of the year rises to 73.8 million, which represents a reduction of 12.8% compared to the same period previously.

On the contrary, and in relation to the import of beverages, it should be noted that the fourth month of the year recorded re-



Noticeable drop in tobacco revenues in April.

venues of nearly 604,000 euros, 9.2% more than April 2024. In another order, and with regard to taxes on the import of mineral fuels, revenues have risen to 4.4

million, which represents 3.6% more than in the same period previously. Finally, in terms of imports related to other goods, the month of April closed with

revenues of 5.1 million. In this case, the comparison is positive with respect to the aforementioned period of April 2024, since the figure is increased by 3.1%. ●

THE FIGURES

31.2 ME

Revenue from tobacco import taxes to Customs reaches 31.2 million.

18.6 ME

April closed with total revenues of 18.6 million, 14.6% less than last year.

4.4 ME

Revenue from mineral fuel import taxes stands at 4.4 million.

5.1 ME

Imports related to other goods place their revenues at 5.1 million.

A BATH WITH A FOUNDATION

Escaldes will conduct a study of the therapeutic benefits of thermal waters

A medical team is preparing a study with 50 participants to analyze the effects on pathologies

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The Municipality of Escaldes-Engordany has presented a pioneering project that aims to evaluate, with rigorous medical criteria, the therapeutic effects of the thermal waters of the parish. The initiative has been led by Dr. Efreu Gómez, with the collaboration of Dr. Jiménez, a specialist in vascular surgery, and Dr. Ferrer, a dermatologist, and has the institutional support of the Municipality. The estimated cost of the study is around 6,000 euros, an amount that also includes the expenses derived from the medical staff involved in the research.

The consul general, Rosa Gili, has highlighted the change in perspective that this project entails: "We are talking about thermal water, but with a completely different register," she said, referring to the medical approach that replaces the traditional recreational and touristic vision of the resource. Gili added that the study represents an opportunity



The consul general of Escaldes-Engordany, Rosa Gili, and Dr. Efreu Gómez, at the presentation of the study that will be carried out.



ROSA GILI

CONSUL MAYOR OF ESCALDES

«It is fortunate to be able to enjoy this water in our territory, and everything helps to talk about the parish and to strengthen what we have»

to explore and validate the possible therapeutic benefits of thermal water. She also assessed that the properties of this resource have

“always been recognized”, but that now “it will be deepened and we will have something more precise” that can help reactivate thermal tourism in the parish.

Dr. Gómez explained that the study responds to a double desire: to contribute to scientific knowledge and to highlight the potential of the thermal waters of Escaldes. According to him, several international studies indicate that this type of water can have positive effects on pathologies such as venous insufficiency or certain dermatological condi-

tions such as dermatitis or psoriasis. The aim now is to verify whether these benefits are also manifested in the specific case of the waters of Escaldes.

The clinical trial will be carried out using a cross-control design with a sample of around 50 patients. Each participant will follow a protocol that includes three weekly sessions of 30 minutes of exposure to thermal water for two weeks. Subsequently, a «washout» period will be carried out to eliminate possible accumulated effects before starting a placebo treatment.

The treatments will be carried out in the facilities of the Roc Blanc hotel, an establishment that has historically been linked to hydrotherapy and that actively collaborates in the project. The study foresees the evaluation of variables such as the dermatological state of the patients, the quality of life and the psychological impact of the treatment. Gómez has indicated that they hope to recruit participants in the coming weeks. ●

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