

## **A Closer Look Into Consumer Goods: Counterfeit Edition**



## **Top 6 Health and Safety Products Seized in 2020**

**27** % Consumer Electronics

24% Sunglasses

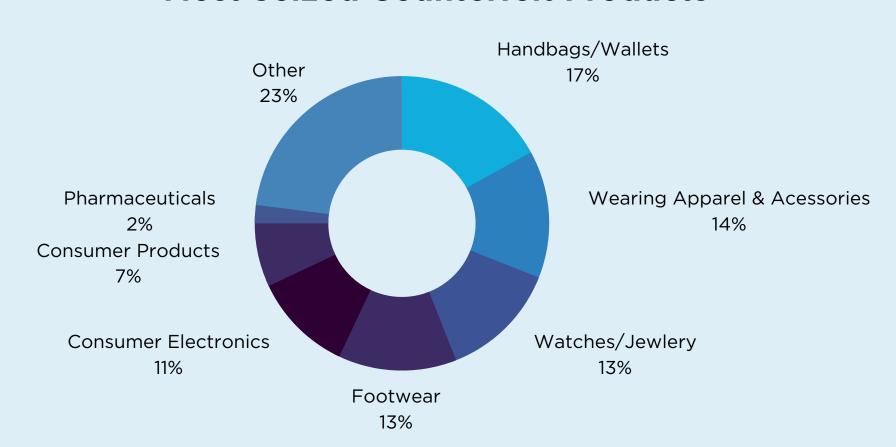
**14%** Pharmaceuticals

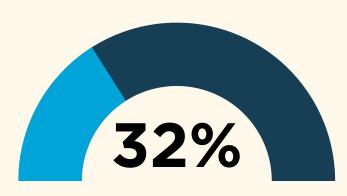
**7**% Personal Care

6% Automotive/Transportation

**3**% Batteries

## **Most Seized Counterfeit Products**





of commonly reported dangers of counterfeit goods was exposure to harmful chemicals and toxins that could also lead to acute or long-term health issues.



About 24% of dangerous goods identified as counterfeits presented consumers with numerous risks.



## These commonly used counterfeit items could very well pose these health and safety risks:

- Counterfeit cosmetics and fragrances have been found to contain carcinogens, significant levels of bacteria, conditions including skin rashes and eye infections.
- Fake <u>lithium-ion laptop batteries</u> are at serious risk of overheating, self-igniting, and exploding.
- Torn tires, improper airbag deployment, and brake failure are all potential effects of counterfeit automotive parts.
- Counterfeit car seats and strollers have the potential to result in serious accidents, including injuries that can cause severe brain damage.