

# U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations



## TRANSPORTATION & HEAVY INDUSTRY PROGRAM

The National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center (IPRC) in conjunction with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and other law enforcement agencies collaborate to counter the threat of counterfeit automotive, aerospace, rail, and heavy industry related components that are illegally imported and distributed throughout the United States. These counterfeit components represent a grave threat to public safety due to the critical nature of transportation-related applications and can include such components as airbags, brake pads, steering rods, and bearings. The faulty operation of these devices alone can cause bodily harm such as a counterfeit airbag, but in some cases can result in a catastrophic accident like an air crash or major train derailment.

Operation Engine Newity seeks to bring to bear all elements of federal law enforcement to counter this threat by educating industry stakeholders and the public, interdicting the counterfeit goods at the ports of entry, and investigating and prosecuting individuals who traffic these goods for monetary gain.

A key element of Operation Engine Newity is strong engagement with industry. This partnership is critical to success since that is where the expertise about the products and possible risks from counterfeit parts. For this reason the IPR Center makes outreach and engagement a top priority of this program.



Seized counterfeit airbags shown in their dangerous tight packing for shipping

### Operation Engine Newity Key Areas of Focus:

- Public safety
- Counterfeit airbags
- Counterfeit brake pads
- Counterfeit windshields
- Counterfeit bearings

