



Illegal Trade in ODS and Hazardous Waste in China

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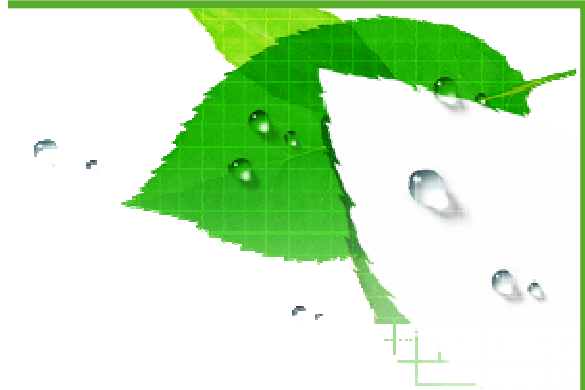
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I . Sky Hole Patching



**SKY HOLE PATCHING
ACTION IN CHINA**

**Fight against
ODS illegal
trade**

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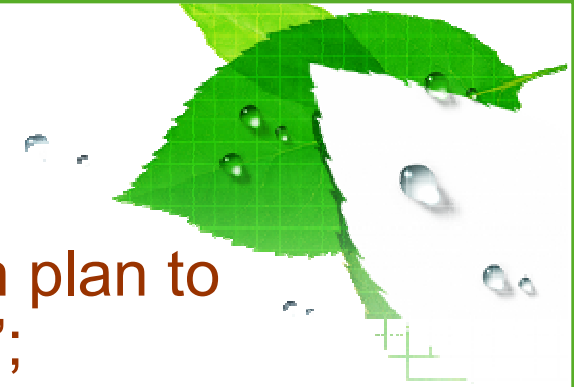
**Combat
smuggling
wastes**

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※ODS: Ozone Depleting Substances.



Preparation for the Operation



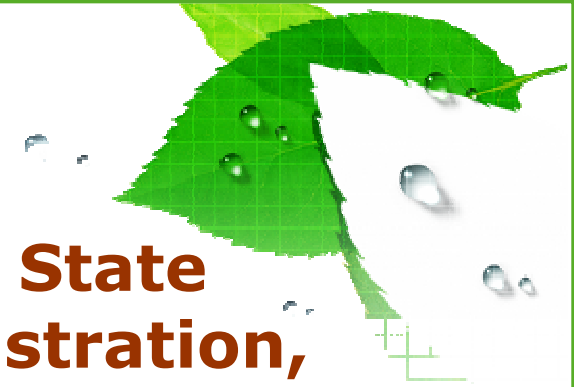
- ❖ China Customs adopted national action plan to implement Project “*Sky Hole Patching*”;
- ❖ To set up task forces at local Customs to examine strictly the import and export of waste and ODS goods, according to the license signed by Ministry of commerce .
- ❖ The rules and regulations enforced are "Waste Import Management Temporary Provisions", “Catalogue of ODS in China’s Imports & Exports” etc.

To enhance control and supervision



- ❖ **Compile blacklist of suspicious companies**
- ❖ **Collect trade data on wastes**
- ❖ **Strengthen Verification of permits**
- ❖ **Inspect cargo by X-ray equipment**
- ❖ **Enhance risk profiling and intelligence exchange**
- ❖ **Improve laboratory analysis and classification**
- ❖ **Strengthen cooperation with environment agency, quarantine, commerce, police in combating illegal trade and waste**

In capacity Building



- ❖ **Under the help of UNEP, UNDP, State Environment Protection Administration, Customs organized training workshops for local Customs officers on control of ODS trade . After the seminar, we got some seizures.**
- ❖ **China ODS import and export management office presented ODS identifiers to China Customs. The identifiers have been equipped in Customs checking points.**

The achievement of action in China



- ❖ **China Customs seized 7 ODS cases with 61.5 tons of ODS chemicals.**
- ❖ **Detected 55 waste cases, weighed 5933.1 tons.**
- ❖ **The waste law enforcement working pattern was founded.**



Cases detected in China



Ningbo Customs detected a smuggling ODS case based on statistical analysis.

Huangpu Customs detected a smuggling waste TV set and computer case.



Guangzhou Customs officers were checking import waste.





Won Montreal Protocol Implementers Award



- ❖ On September 18, 2007, China Customs won the “*Montreal protocol implementer award*” at the UNEP 20th anniversary celebration of Montreal Protocol .



II. New achievements after the Project



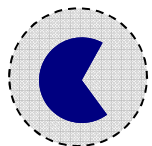
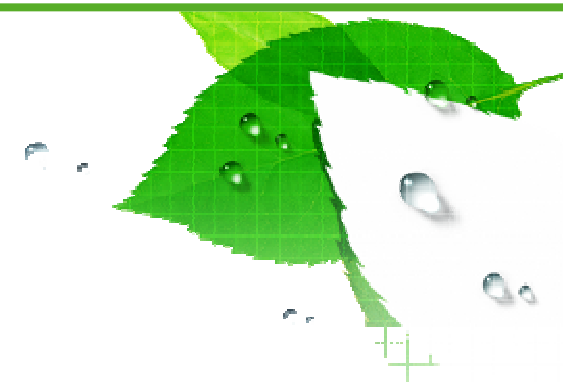
- ❖ Since 2008, China Customs has seized 43 smuggling waste cases and 8 ODS cases, more than 17,000 tons of wastes and 11,153 cans of ODS chemicals were intercepted.



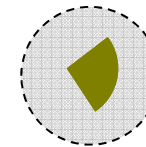
Achievements on combating smuggling waste



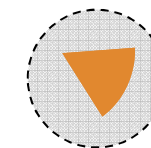
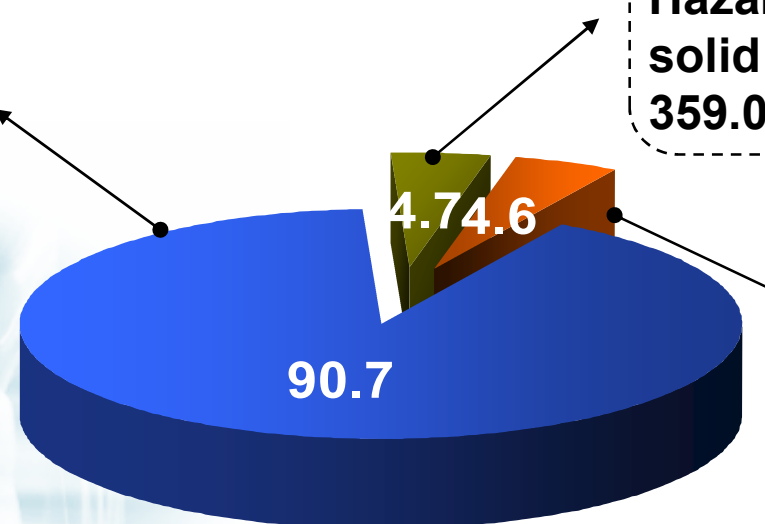
In the year of 2008, China Customs seized wastes amount to 7679.517 tons.



90.7%
Industrial
solid waste
6964.7 tons



4.7%
Hazardous
solid waste
359.02 tons



4.6%
household
garbage
355.8 tons

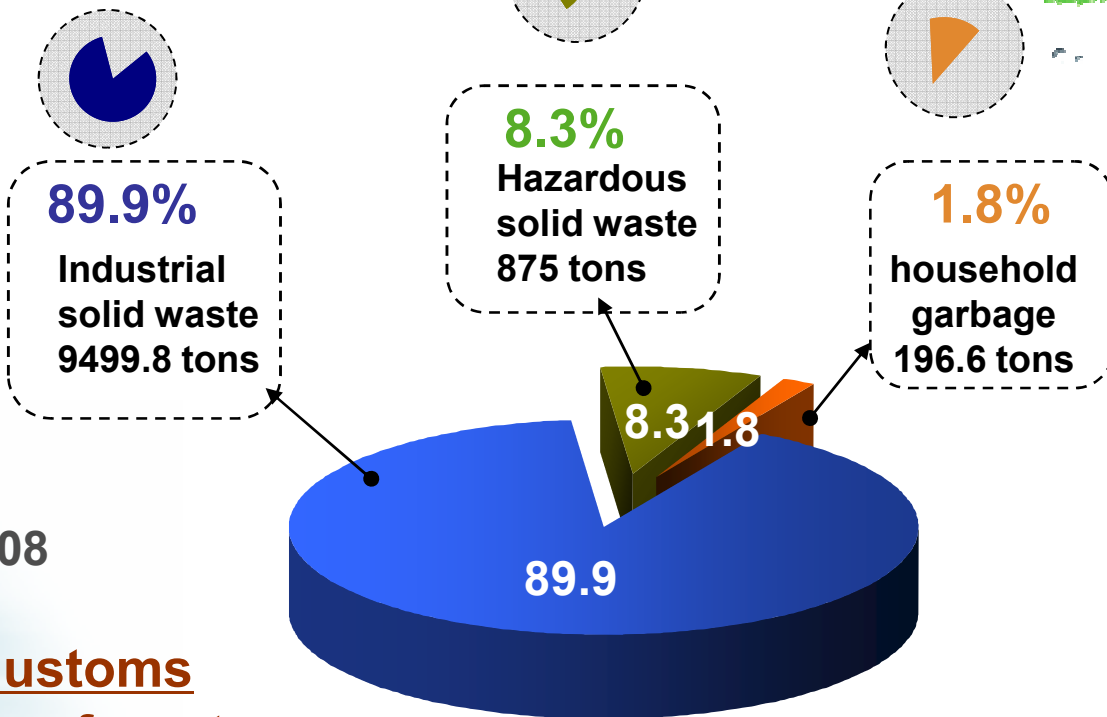
Achievements on combating smuggling waste

UP 37.7%



Compared with 2008

In 2009, China Customs seized 10571 tons of wastes.



Cases Study



★ False declare

On 19 May 2008, when Customs officers checked a shipment of two-double umbrella, 200 cylinders of R-12 (ODS material) were found inside the cargo.



On 23 Feb. 2009, one shipment of granite was declared to Customs, but when Customs officers checked the goods, 1145 cans of R-12 were found.



Cases Study



★ Defraud Customs drawback and license



On 9 March 2009, a shipment of R-134a was declared to Customs , but 2280 cans of R-142 and R-22 mixtures were found after checking . The difference of drawback tax rates between the two kind of goods is 4%.



On 21 January 2009, Customs officer found one passel of R-134a chemicals without export license. For further examination , 3960 cans of R-142 and R-22 mixtures were intercepted..

Cases Study

★ New channel of evade supervision and control



On 30 June 2009, Alashankou Customs seized 8 cylinders of HCFC-22 from one passenger luggage in an trans-boundary bus. It's the first time to seize ODS in passenger channel.



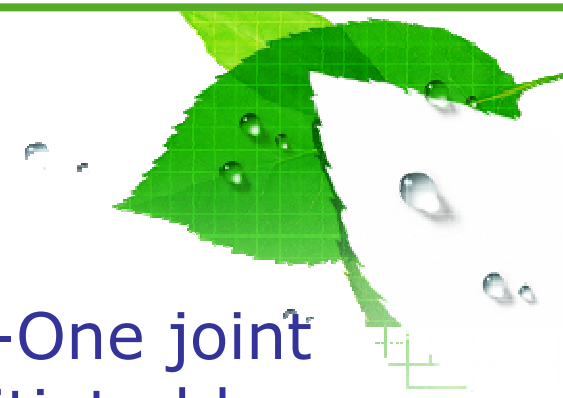
Smuggling ODS characteristics:

- Evade supervision and control of Customs
- Evade license management system
- Defraud Customs drawback

China government has taken strict license system on ODS import and export. China Customs examine the ODS by the “Catalogue of ODS in China’s Import and Exports”, according to the license signed by Ministry of Commerce.



III. Operation DEMETER in China



海关总署文件

海关总署关于在部分海关开展“大地女神”专项行动的通知

广东分署、满洲里、大连、上海、南京、杭州、宁波、福州、厦门、青岛、广州、深圳、拱北、汕头、黄埔、江门、湛江、乌鲁木齐海关：

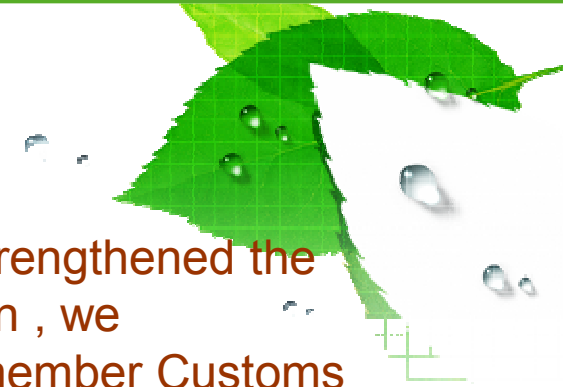
为进一步凸显海关环境、边境安全保护职能，积极参与世界海关组织(WCO)发起的在欧、亚、非等 107 个国家和地区开展的以打击废物非法越境转移为主要内容的“大地女神”专项行动，总署决定在部分海关组织开展为期 40 天(2009 年 4 月 10 日至 5 月 20 日)的打击废物走私“大地女神”专项行动。现将有关事项通知如下：

一、目标任务

DEMETER---One joint operation initiated by WCO in Apr.2009, aiming at combating illegal trans-boundary movement of waste and ODS chemicals. 170 countries in Europe, Asia-Pacific and Africa took part in the operation.



Achievements of DEMETER operation



From 10 April to 20 May 2009, China Customs had strengthened the control over the waste and ODS. During the operation, we exchanged 85 pieces of smuggling information with member Customs administrations, and detected 29 smuggling cases, seized 9138.5 tons of solid waste from Canada, United States and Netherlands.

Statistics of operation DEMETER in China

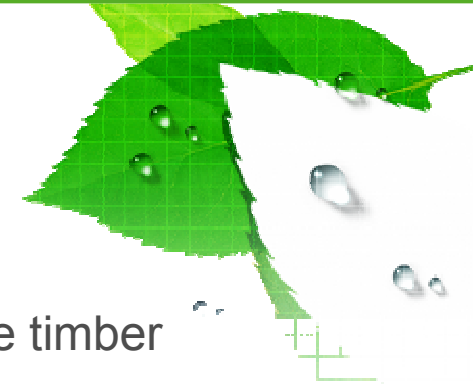
Country	Infor. exchanged	Physical control	Seizure/ detention (case no.)	Name of goods	Quantity (tons)	Arrest offenders
China	85	21	29	waste ODS	9138.5	20



“5.19” Smuggling Waste Case



✘Waste timber
300 tons



On 19 May 2009, Gongbei Customs detected a smuggling waste case, seized 300 tons of waste timbers in a cargo ship, and took criminal compulsory measures to 7 persons.



"4.28" Smuggling Waste Case



On 28 April 2009, Gongbei Customs in Guangdong province seized 87.965 tons of waste vessel engine and waste machine oil in a storehouse, 4 persons were arrested.



✘ Waste oil
Waste engine

87.965 tons

"5.18" Smuggling Waste Rubber Case



On 9 May 2009, Huang Pu Customs detected one smuggling waste rubber and rubber fragments case, seized 8533.6 tons of rubber from 366 containers. The smuggling waste came from United States and declared to Customs falsely. It's the largest waste case captured in these years.



✘ Waste rubber and rubber fragments

8533.6 tons



IV. Strengthen capacity to conquer new challenges



1. Improve the risk-analysis system and intensify training to enhance Customs enforcement capacity.

2. Implement the international conventions actively, continue the mechanisms established in former operations.

3. Establish check and combating system on the base of illegal trade database.



4. Strengthen the coordination with MEP, improve law enforcement on combating disserve-environment crime.

5. Enhance the cooperation with WCO member Customs and other international agencies, strengthen exchange information and share enforcement experience.





Thank You !



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