# Customs Activities in Asia and the Pacific Region regarding Hazardous Wastes

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# Customs High-Risk Areas



In 2011, the WCO Policy Commission endorsed five key risk areas for Customs enforcement.

#### HIGH-RISK AREAS FOR CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

Revenue

Security

IPR, Health and Safety

Drugs

**Environment** 

+ Emerging risks

#### **Environmental Risks**



Environmental risks in the Customs context relates to the illegal cross border trafficking of :

Endangered Species Hazardous and Toxic Waste

Ozone
Depleting
Substances

etc.

Threatening sustainable development and ecological balance

# World Customs Organization



#### The World Customs Organization (WCO)

- Established in 1952 as the Customs Co-operation Council (CCC)
- An independent intergovernmental body whose mission is to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of Customs administrations.

(The only international organization with competence in Customs matters)

- Member Administrations: 182 Customs administrations across the globe.
  - (= Covering approximately 98% of world trade).

They are divided into 6 regions.

# World Customs Organization



East and Southern Africa

Regional Approach South America, North America, Central America and the Caribbean North of Africa, Near and Middle East Europe West and Central Africa

Far East, South and South East Asia, Australia and the Pacific Islands

# World Customs Organization



#### Global RILO Network





#### History in Brief





#### Regional Intelligence Liaison Office for Asia and the Pacific

- Member Administrations: 33 Customs administrations (as of March 2017)
- Covered all the WCO members in the AP region
- Major Activities
  - Conducting intelligence analysis and provide members with the achievements in forms of publications etc.
  - Managing Customs Enforcement Network platforms (CEN and CENcomm)
  - Acting as a focal point for intelligence exchange at the regional and global level.
  - Coordinating specific operations and projects (both covering our region and world wide).
  - Providing members with various capacity building programs in the field of intelligence and enforcement.



#### Capacity Building Programs

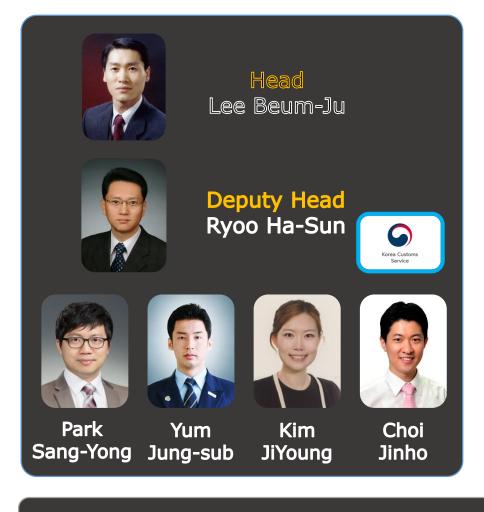
In-house Capacity Building Programs

**Expert Missions** 

Seminars / Workshops

**Operation Related Capacity Building** 





#### Staff Situation



- Intelligence Analyst (4)
- CEN Manager (1)

- Project Manager (1)
- Liaison Officer (1)

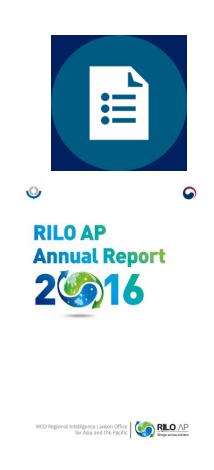


#### Intelligence Products









Annually

# Customs Enforcement Network



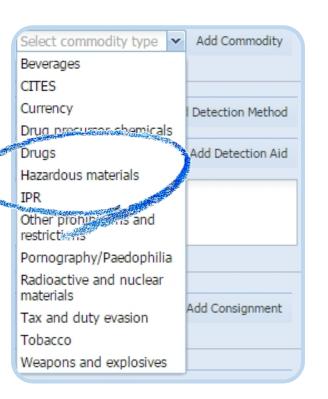


# <u> Lustoms Enforcement N</u>etwork

a global enforcement <u>Information</u> & intelligence <u>sharing</u> and communication <u>too/</u>available to Customs

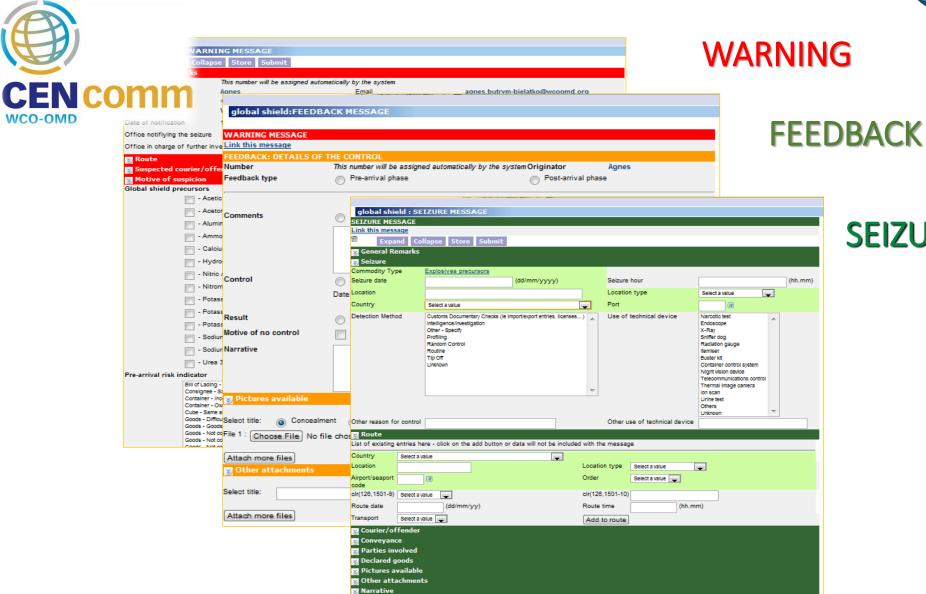


- Internet based Seizures Database
- Global Database of Customs seizures and offences
- Non-nominal information
- Divided into 15 commodities
- Predefined structure to facilitate data input
- Minimal mandatory data to ensure the quality of analy



## **Customs Enforcement Network**



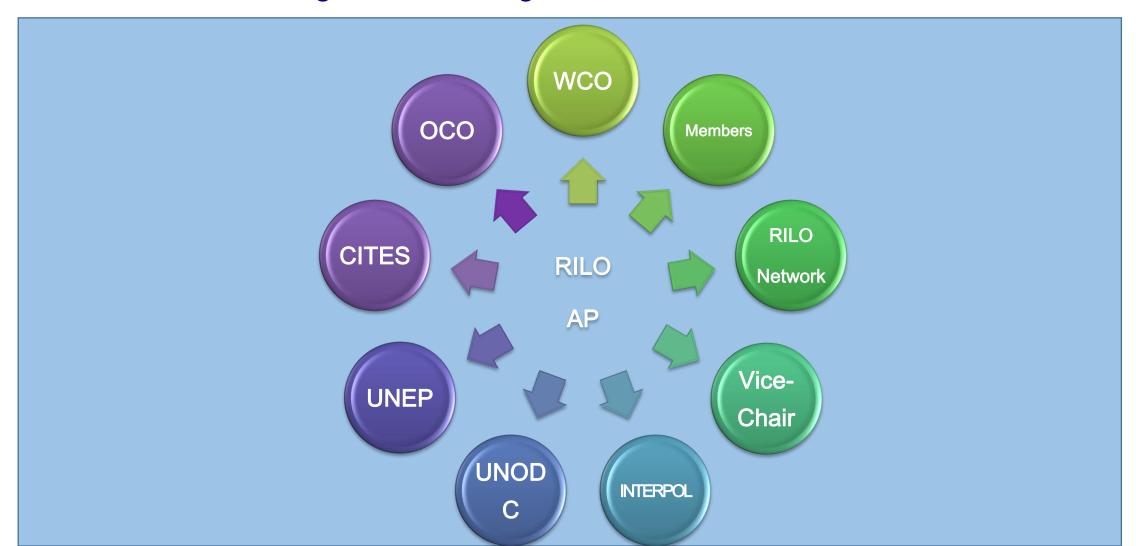


Expand Collapse Store Submit

**SEIZURE** 



#### Information & Intelligence Exchange







**On-going Projects** 



DSINS Air(since '08)

DSINS Sea Cargo(since '15)

Drug /

559 Notifications for 6,612kg (Air)

15 Notifications for 1,116kg (Sea)



(since '04)
Tobacco /
680 Notifications
Seizure over 24 million sticks
of cigarettes and 54 kg tobacco leaves

Project Sky-Hole-Patching (since '06)

ODS & Hazardous wastes / 62 Notifications for over 4,000 tons seizures



# Operation Sky-Hole-Patching (SHP)

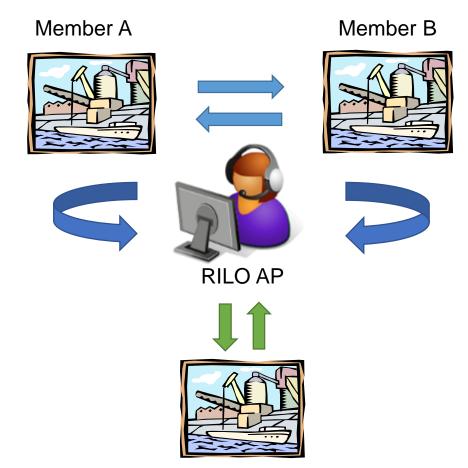
# Operation Sky-Hole-Patching



- Project Background
  - Initiated by China Customs in 2006
    - Phase I: 6 months pilot for ODS (1 Sep 2006 28 Feb 2007)
    - Phase II: Continuation of Phase I + Extension to hazardous waste for 6-month operation (1 Mar 2007 – 31 Aug 2007)
  - Official launched since 1 Nov 2007
  - Coordinated by:
    - RILO AP
    - United Nations Environment Programme-Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (UNEP-ROAP)

# Operation Sky-Hole-Patching



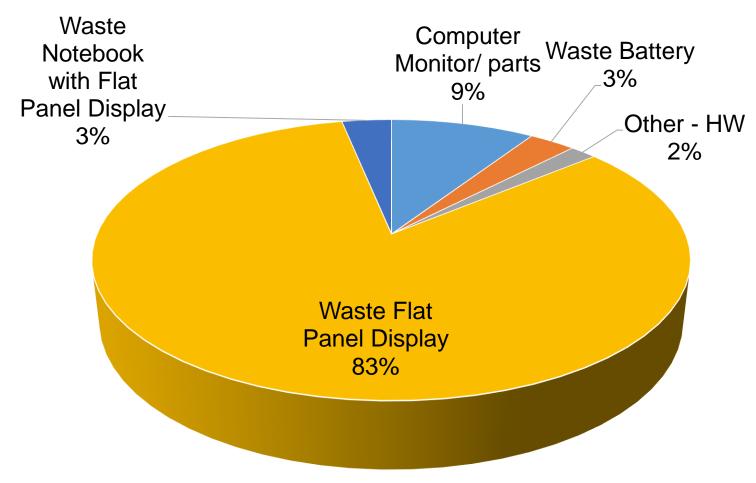


- Export Notifications of suspicious E-waste/ODS shipments
- Import Notifications as feedback on monitoring results
- Seizure Notifications
- Mutual Assistance (Investigation/ Prosecution)

Non-Members through other RILOs

# SHP - Seizure of Hazardous Waste

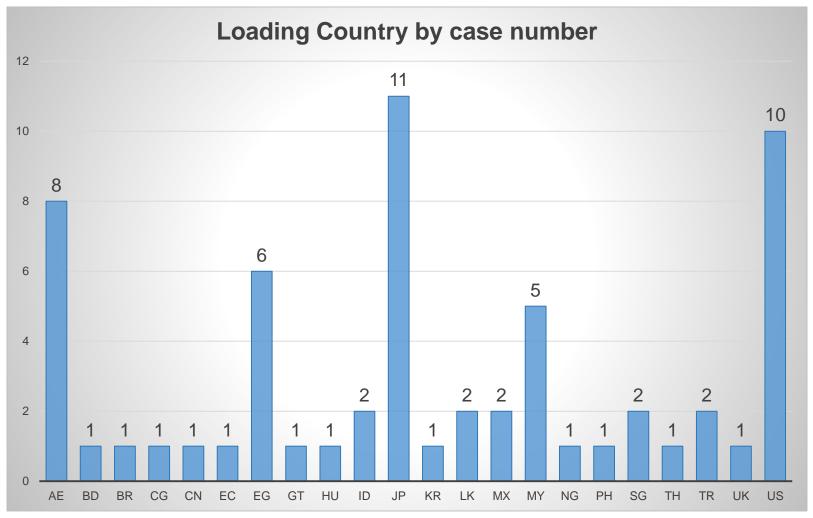




No. of seizure case: 62

# SHP - Country of Loading Hazardous Waste

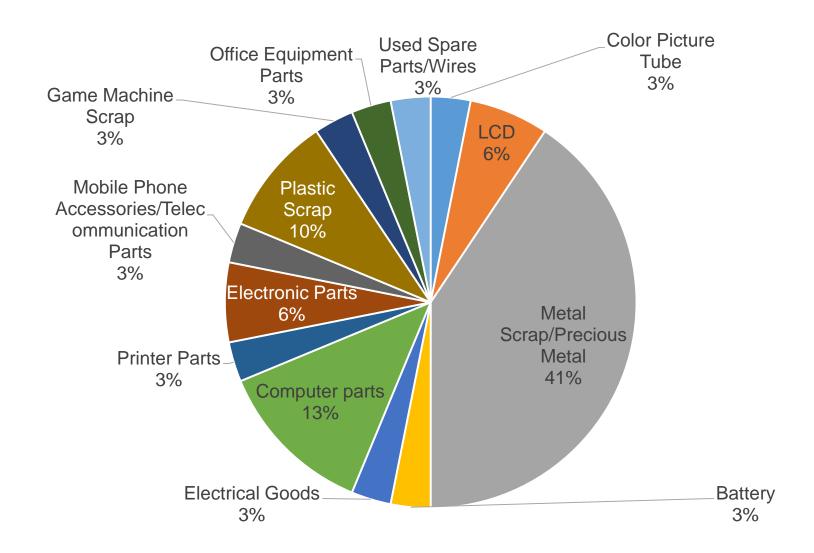




Total no. of notification: 62

# SHP - Cargo Declaration





# SHP - Seizure of Hazardous Waste





Used LCD monitors

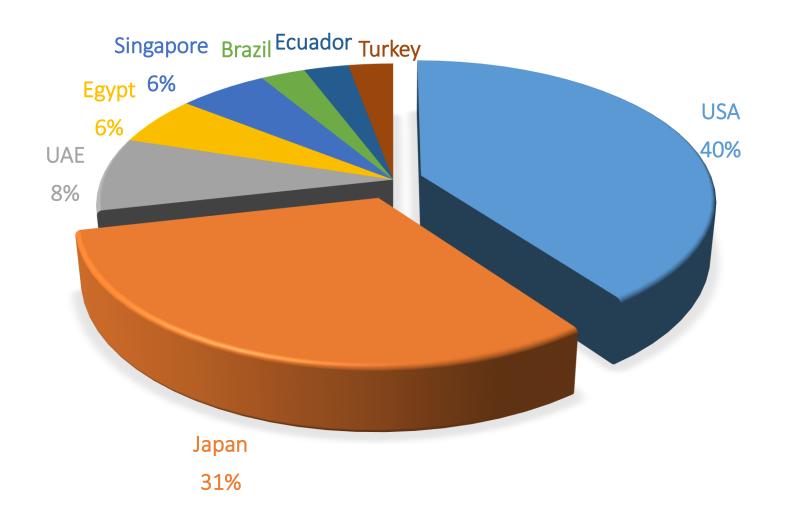


# Seizure Cases by Member Administrations in CEN Database

# CEN - Summary of Seizure Case Bridge across borders

- Total 35 cases of hazardous waste seizure in 2016 reported by Hong Kong Customs
- 34 of them were e-waste
- Mode of transport vessel
- Modus Operandi misdeclaration; no special concealment

# CEN - Summary of Seizure Case Pridge across borders



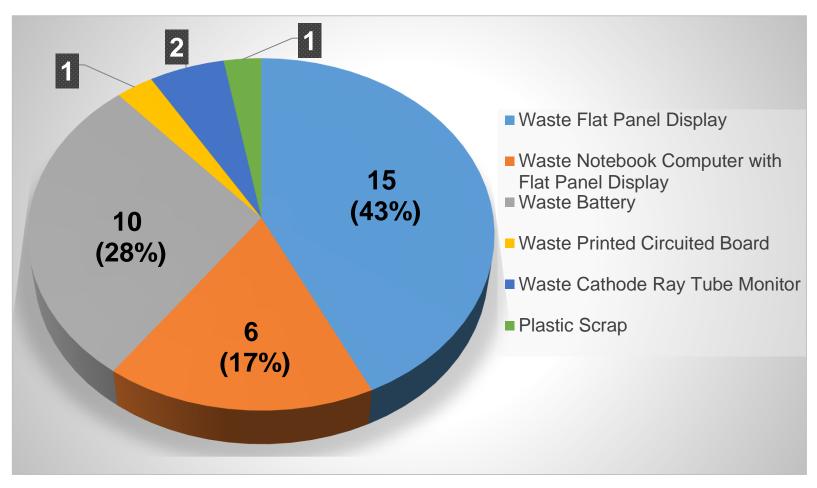
Origin	Reported Cases	%
USA	14	40%
Japan	11	31%
UAE	3	8%
Egypt	2	6%
Singapore	2	6%
Brazil	1	3%
Ecuador	1	3%
Turkey	1	3%
Total	35	100%

# CEN - Summary of Seizure Case Bridge across borders

#### Seized Items:

- ➤ Flat Panel Display
- ➤ Notebook Computer
- ➤ Battery, etc...

Misdeclared as computer/component parts, metal/plastic scrap, spare parts, etc.





# Thank you!

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