

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]

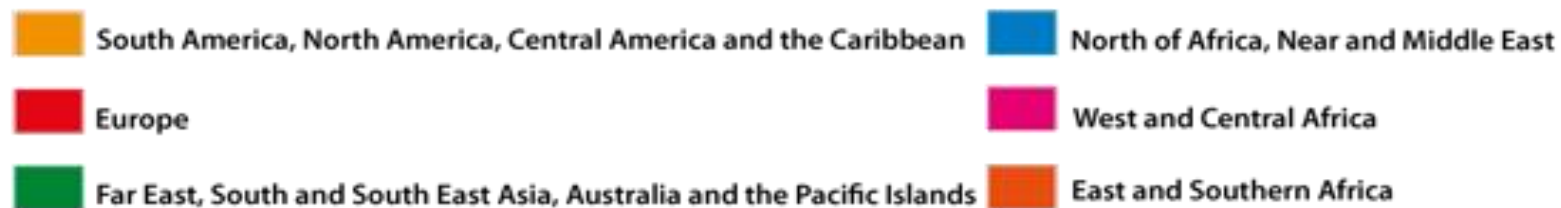
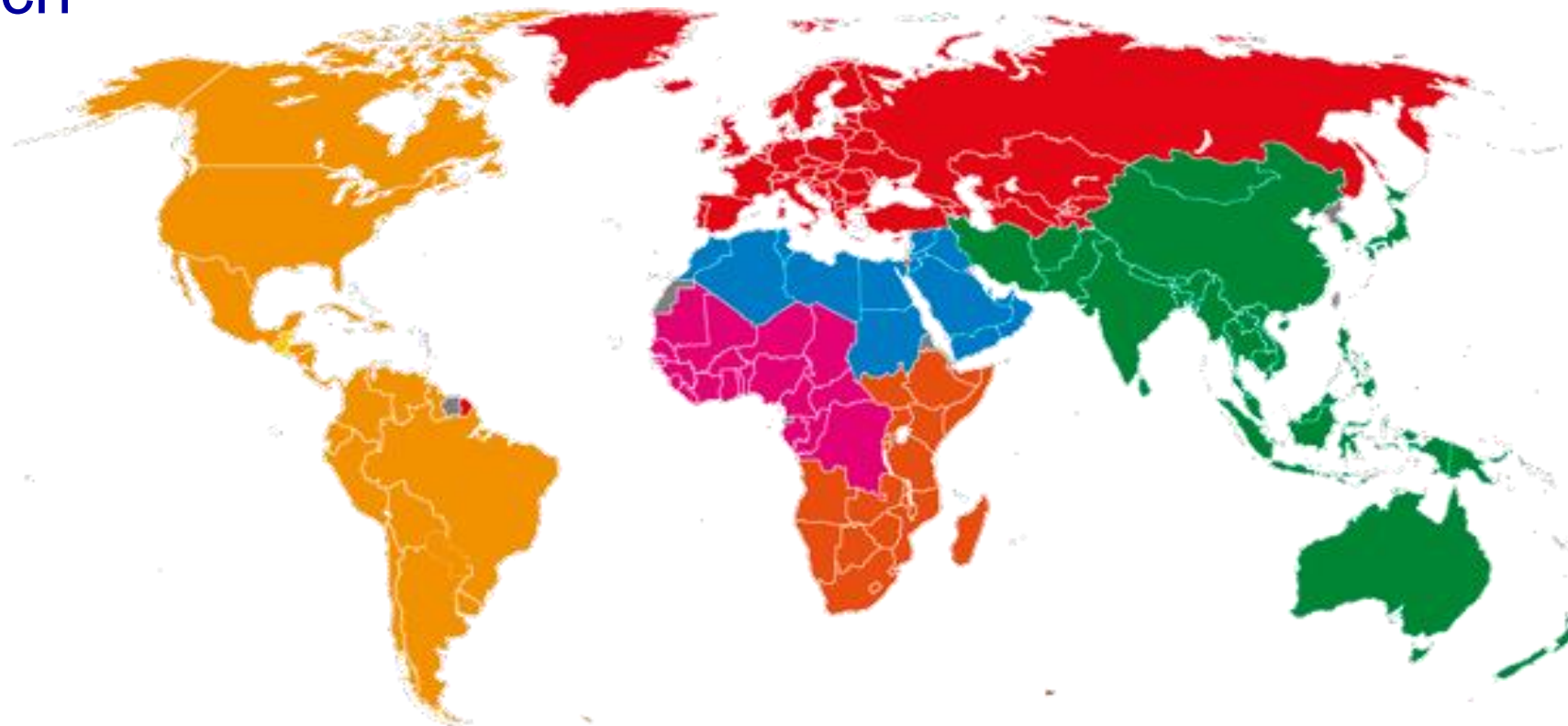
World Customs Organization

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 more than 98% of world trade).
They are divided into 6 regions.

World Customs Organization

Regional Approach



A/P Member Administrations (33)



- Afghanistan
- Australia
- Bangladesh
- Brunei
- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- China
- Fiji
- Hong Kong, China
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Japan
- Korea
- Laos
- Macao, China
- Malaysia



- Maldives
- Mongolia
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- New Zealand
- Pakistan
- Papua New Guinea
- Philippines
- Samoa
- Singapore
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Timor-Leste
- Tonga
- Vanuatu
- Vietnam

Regional Intelligence Liaison Office for Asia and the Pacific

- Established in 1987 in Hong Kong. now **hosted by Korea Customs Service**
(Hong Kong [1987-1998], Japan [1999-2003], China [2004-2011], Korea [2012-])
- Member Administrations : **33 Customs administrations (ALL WCO Members)**
- Major Activities
 - Acting as a **focal point for intelligence exchange** at the regional and global level.
 - Conducting **intelligence analysis** and provide members with the achievements in forms of reports etc.
 - Managing **CEN** (Customs Enforcement Network, including seizure database)
 - Coordinating specific **operations and projects** (both covering AP region and global level).
 - Providing members with various **capacity building programs** in the field of intelligence and enforcement.
- Total 11 RILOs constitute Global RILO Network

Seizure Database - CEN



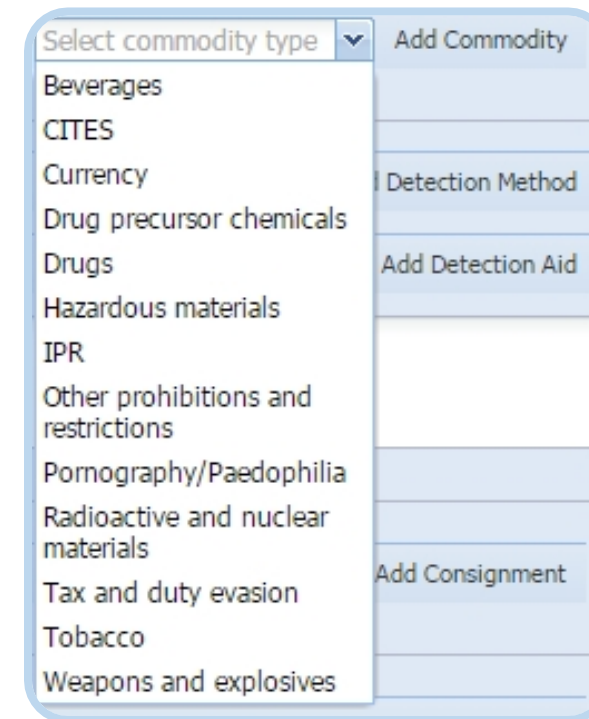
Customs Enforcement Network

is a global enforcement *Information* & intelligence *sharing* and communication *tool* available to Customs



Key Features

- **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 analysis**



Select commodity type ▾ Add Commodity

- Beverages
- CITES
- Currency
- Drug precursor chemicals
- Drugs
- Hazardous materials
- IPR
- Other prohibitions and restrictions
- Pornography/Paedophilia
- Radioactive and nuclear materials
- Tax and duty evasion
- Tobacco
- Weapons and explosives

Detection Method

Add Detection Aid

Add Consignment

Operations / Projects

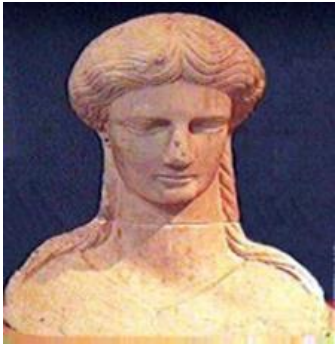


RILO AP plays coordinator roles for joint efforts among member administrations

- DSINS (Drug Seizure Immediate Notification System) Air/Sea
- Project Crocodile: suspicious cigarette shipment
- **Project Sky-Hole-Patching** : Ozone Depleting Substances
(extended to Hazardous Waste)
- Project Savannah : Wildlife
- Operation IRENE II: Small Arms and light weapons
- Operation SESHU II: Rare Timber

Operation DEMETER IV

Global Operation on Monitoring and Control of Illicit Trans-boundary Movement of Hazardous Waste and Other Waste



(As of 6 November 2018: Evaluation process on going)

- Initiated by China Customs, coordinated by the WCO Secretariat, RILO AP and China Customs
- The intensive operational phase : from 4 June 2018 to 8 July 2018
- Participating members: 75 Customs Administrations, RILOs and international organizations
- Objective : Enhancing information exchange and cooperative enforcement efforts among Customs across the globe to prevent and intercept illegal cross-border movements of hazardous and other wastes

Seizure Cases from Member Administrations

Summary of Seizure Cases (2017)

(Source : CEN database (seizure data of “Hazardous Waste”))

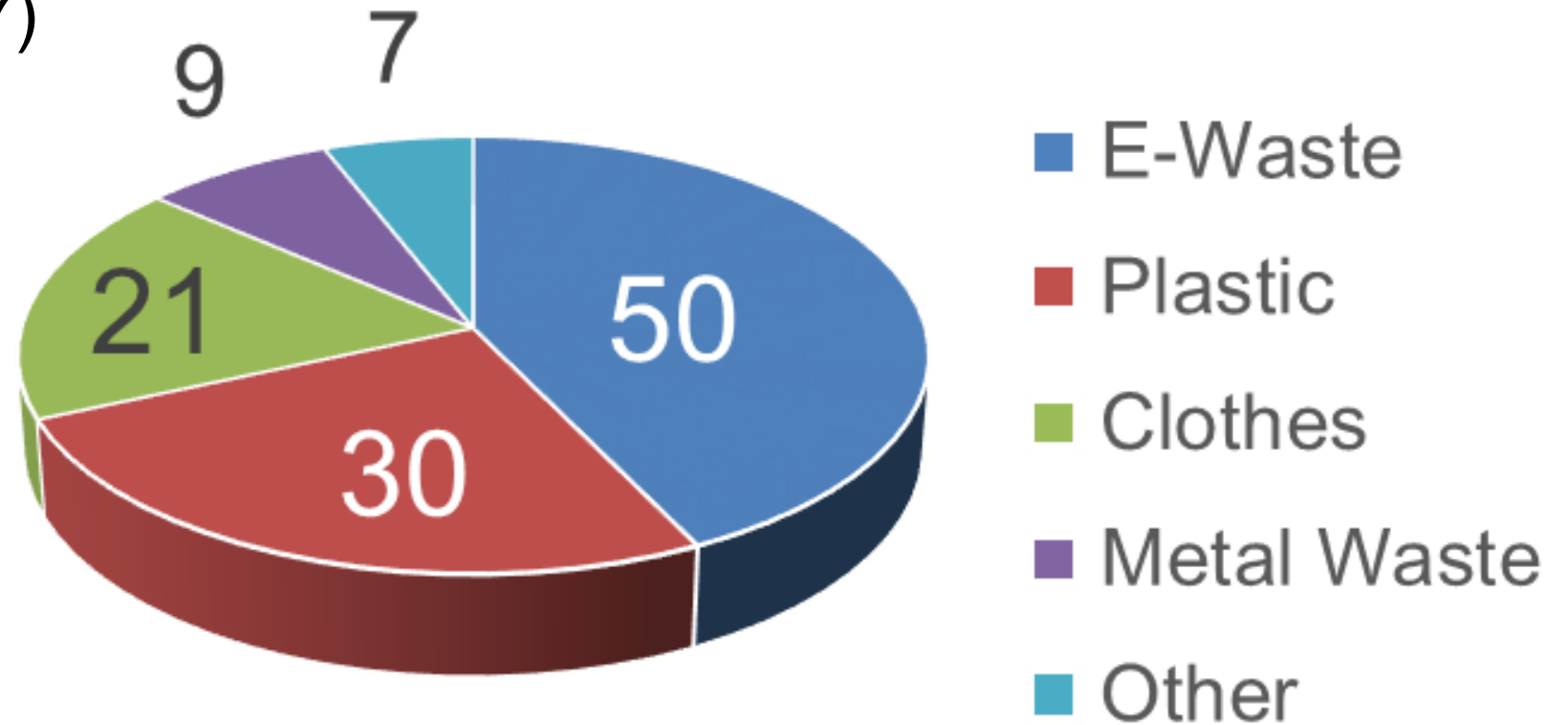
- Total 117 seizures in 2015
- No special concealments (e.g. hidden behind legal commodities etc.) were reported

Reporting Members	2016			2017			2018		
	Cases	Q'ty (Tons)	Q'ty (Pcs)	Cases	Q'ty (Tons)	Q'ty (Pcs)	Cases	Q'ty (Tons)	Q'ty (Pcs)
China (Mainland)	-			68	221,038.2		4	43.4	
Hong Kong, China	89	418.3	231,982	49	84.2	277,659	29	99.7	108,216
Total	89	418.3	231,982	117	221,122.5	277,659	33	143.1	108,216

(WCO CEN is “Living” database, case reports are being added by members)

Summary of Seizure Cases (2017)

Seized Items (2017)



Summary of Seizure Cases (2017)

Seized Amount by Items:

Types	Cases	Q'ty (Tons)	Q'ty (Pcs)
Plastic	30	38,860.7	
Clothes	21	92,136.2	
E-Waste	50	86	277,659
Waste Flat Panel Displays (incl. Laptop)	(21)		(184,609)
Waste Printed Circuit Boards	(11)	(57.2)	
Used Toner Cartridges with Pigments	(10)	(10.0)	(93,050)
Waste Batteries	(8)	(18.3)	
Metal Waste	9	86,066.6	
Copper compounds	(5)	(634.2)	
Other/Mixed	(4)	(85,432.4)	
Other	7	3,973.6	
Total	117	221,122.5	277,659

Summary of Seizure Cases (2017)

- Reported Known Routes

Reported Routes	Cases	Q'ty (Kg)	Q'ty (Pcs)
USA – Hong Kong	8	1,140	11,300
UAE - HK	8	28,620	1,953
Kazakhstan - China	6	883,600	
Singapore - HK	5	3,270	27,856
CN-HK	3		19,700
Malaysia - HK	3	5,540	11,900
UK - HK	3		2,500
Japan - HK	3	1,250	12,500
Mongolia - CN	3	3,391	
South Africa - HK	2	10,000	15,200
Canada - HK	2		18,250
Dominican Republic - HK	2	2,270	58,000

Reported Routes	Cases	Q'ty (Kg)	Q'ty (Pcs)
Korea-HK, Poland-HK, Vietnam-HK, Thailand-HK, Indonesia-China, Turkey-HK, Colombia-HK, Spain-HK, Guatemala-Mexico-HK, Vietnam-China, Netherlands-China, Korea-China, Panama-China, Myanmar-China	1X14		2,700
(N/A*)	55	217Kt	
Total	117	221Kt	277,659

(N/A: Seizures in China, relating to reselling license frauds)

Thank you for your attention

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