Angola
Security

Scanners and other technologies contribute to increased revenue collection and to the protection of society through the identification and detection of undeclared and prohibited goods.
Australia

Training exercise

The Australian Border Force (ABF) Marine Unit plays a significant role in border security by maintaining an armed presence around Australia's vast coastline, and responding to reported or suspected border incidents and illegal activity, thereby protecting the country's national security.

Marine Unit officers can sometimes work in extreme conditions ranging from tropical cyclones to the intense sea conditions in the Southern Ocean. They undergo a rigorous and specialized training programme that better enables them to respond to Australia's eight maritime threats. On successful completion of their training, the officers are deployed on ABF patrol vessels to undertake maritime enforcement activities.

In the photo, an officer scales the side of a ship as part of a training exercise, to reinforce his skills and widen his experience before undertaking real-time enforcement activity in the maritime environment.
Austria

Always on duty

No matter the time of day or night, the officials of the Austrian Customs Administration are always on duty at Vienna’s International Airport.
Azerbaijan

515 kg of heroin

515 kilograms of heroin were found hidden in a truck after being detected by the sniffer dog on call at the Astara Customs Office located on the southern border of Azerbaijan.
Bahamas

Operation Blue Waters

The spellbindingly beautiful archipelagic nation of the Bahamas appeals not just aesthetically, but also to the soul and spirit. The sun, sand and sea trilogy woo many unsuspecting people, making them willing captives. There are many exciting sea-tales told about the Bahamas, one of which is depicted in the world renowned Resort of Atlantis. We can see it in the backdrop of the photo, which shows Customs’ newly formed, but fully functioning and highly skilled Marine Division patrolling and protecting our borders in the waters of Nassau Harbour and the neighbouring Paradise Island.
Belarus

The future of our children is in our hands

We lay the foundation for confidence in the future by creating conditions for the development of our country. Yaroslav Kuzin, Head of the Analysis and Risk Management Department at Mogilev Customs, is joined in his workplace by Slava, his four-year old son.
Belgium

Mobile Scanner in the early morning light

An early morning view of a mobile scanner, ready to start scanning trucks.
Bhutan

Customs waving with a smile while facilitating legitimate trade

This picture was taken at one of Bhutan's border crossings, where trade is facilitated for both India and other countries to the maximum. This border crossing handles approximately 63% of trade transactions, and is one of the most vibrant border crossings in the country.
Bolivia

Just working!

It is often said that Customs’ work never ends. The “Unidad de Control Aduanero” (UCA), which works in collaboration with the army, strives to protect society and prevent smuggling throughout the national territory. In the picture, a suspicious truck is being checked and searched during a major armed operation.
Canada

Monitoring along the world’s longest coastline

An officer from the Canada Border Services Agency looks towards the horizon through the fog while monitoring a commercial vessel off the coast of Nova Scotia.
Chinese Customs officers in uniform review the smart distribution area in the inspection centre of the Zhengzhou Cross-border E-commerce Comprehensive Pilot Zone. This zone accommodates six systems, such as the supervision system, the storage system and the distribution system, which, as a whole, ensure the smart distribution and supervision of cross-border e-commerce parcels.
Colombie

Customs in action, everyone’s responsibility

It is essential to be clear about the importance of the principle of accountability that Customs officers, as civil servants, have to assume at borders, and in all areas of compliance. Through honesty and clarity, they need to ensure that obligations established by law are duly fulfilled by every taxpayer, thereby preventing smuggling into Colombia. Their individual commitment enables them to contribute to Customs’ efforts in fighting this scourge.
Czech Republic

Together against smugglers

An armed group of Czech Customs officers apprehend smugglers in a Prague street. Will they manage to seize the expected large-scale of drugs, tobacco or cash?
Democratic Republic of the Congo

Mobile phones seized in North Kivu

Batches of mobile phones were found buried in sand loaded on dump trucks. Even though they were well hidden, Customs managed to detect and seize them in North Kivu on 12 June 2018.
Denmark

Teamwork for the protection of society

A sniffer dog just identified a container to be selected for further inspection by Customs officers.
Estonia

Customs control, a work of art

The Estonian Tax and Customs Board was invited to participate in a project on Christian Ackermann, a scandalous and talented sculptor of the Estonian Baroque era. This was a unique opportunity to examine valuable art objects with our portable x-ray scanner and a wonderful alternative to our everyday work. As a result of this excellent cooperation project, Peeter Laarits, a renowned Estonian artist, put on an exhibition of x-ray scans in the form of beautiful lamps.
Finland

Giant pandas Lumi and Pyry, welcome to Finland!

Finnish Customs is getting ready for a unique job: the two pandas who are to make their home in Ähtäri Zoo have travelled from China to Finland in a cargo aircraft, and are about to go through Customs. The bears made it through the 6,500 km trip in good condition. The arrival of Lumi and Pyry in Finland on 18 January 2018 was a major media event.
France

Control of a container ship at the port of Le Havre

Control of a container ship at the port of Le Havre by a unit of the French Customs dedicated to this purpose.
Gabon

Customs control at land borders

The Gabonese Central Customs Office in Bitans, at the border between Gabon and Cameroon in the Woleu-Ntem region, inspect a truck that is transporting various goods from Cameroon. After a documentary study of the cargo, the Customs officer accesses the goods with the means at hand. This leads either to the partial or total unloading of the truck, or to its release to the operator.
Germany

In the backstage

As scheduled, the German Customs boat “EMDEN” at the shipyard for its dry dock overhaul. The home port of this 38 metre long boat is on the North Sea in Emden, at the waterguard station of the Oldenburg Main Customs Office. Germany has 29 Customs boats of this kind with 400 officers on duty in the Baltic and North Seas, and on Lake Constance.
The detail which betrays

Customs officers on patrol intercept a vehicle with smuggled goods. It’s the licence plate, which had been covered, that has aroused their curiosity.
Guatemala

A female Customs officer in action

The role of this female Customs officer in Guatemalan society is very important because of the efforts and dedication she puts into her work to improve the Customs service. By the quality of her performance, she makes a difference.
Hong Kong

Dual-view image screening

Hong Kong Customs officers make use of a dual-view x-ray machine for checking suspicious luggage.
Hungary

Deployment unit in action on a Customs patrol boat

Members of the deployment unit often participate in actions taken by the different Customs Directorates to eliminate the “black” economy. For this, they use the most diverse tools and modes of transport.
Indonésie

Incinération de vêtements illégaux

La Douane protège la société en détruisant les marchandises qui sont interdites ou restreintes, afin d'assurer un environnement sûr au service du développement économique.
Iran

Technology and dogs: one does not exclude the other!

This image shows that Customs uses both technology and dogs to detect drugs in shipments.
A dog on duty

This photo was taken at Ben Gurion Airport during a routine examination of a passenger entering Israel through Customs’ “green lane.” Three main elements of Customs’ daily work can be seen in the picture: the ongoing flow of passengers passing through Customs at the airport; the use of advanced technology and trained personnel to prevent the importation of illicit goods; and the use of a canine workforce to supplement the work of humans and machines. The photo shows, with humour, how, with proper professional training, Customs officers and dogs work in perfect coordination on a daily basis to combat the smuggling of illicit and dangerous goods (Photo: Doron Mehler).
Jamaica

Facilitating trade, protecting our people, building our country

The Customs Officers of the Jamaica Customs Agency are the epitome of our motto “Country Above Self,” driven by our core values of Customer Service, Accountability, Professionalism, Integrity and Transparency (CAPIT). Whether large or small, industrialized or rustic, the Jamaica Customs Agency seeks to ensure that all our stakeholders, enjoy efficient and friendly service, within a secure business environment.
Kenya

Non-intrusive X-ray scanner

X-ray scanning and image analysis conducted by Customs & border control agents of the Kenya Revenue Authority revealed the presence of three un-manifested Range Rover vehicles. It turned out that these vehicles, hidden behind used toys and mattresses inside a 40ft container had been stolen. The goods were imported from the United Kingdom to Kenya.
A Customs officer and a detector dog cooperate with one another during their daily duties.
Luxemburg

Ready for the next mission?

Explosives search dog “ACE” waits patiently with his handler for their next mission.
Malaysia

Game over!

Gaming machine components worth 6.56 million Malaysian ringgit were seized after being falsely declared to avoid the payment of duties and permit requirements.
Maldives

*Watchful eye of Customs*

Two of our officers watch a suspicious cargo ship while monitoring movements of local vessels all around them.
Mauritius

Technology and resources

Since 2017, the Customs administration has been making smart use of high-tech drones, a fast interceptor boat and K9 sniffer dogs for port surveillance. This has resulted in a record seizure of illicit drugs imported into Mauritius in 2017 with a market value of 3 billion Mauritian rupees, which is around 1% of the country's GDP.
Moldova

Linked for better security

No matter how much technology advances, canine control is still one of the most efficient form of counteracting fraud. Out of the total number of cigarettes smuggled last year, about 60% (3,303,840 items) were detected by the Customs Service’s dogs. The image displays Canine Inspector Andrei Buraga and his quadruple partner Angy, specialized in detecting tobacco products. They can justly be considered a “dream team,” as their experience includes a variety of cigarette detentions, as well as award winning positions in international related contests.
Montenegro

Tour of the luxury marina of Porto Montenegro

Since Tivat is a town with a developed tourism infrastructure with berths for 450 yachts in the luxury marina of Porto Montenegro, the Customs officials responsible of this area carry out numerous tasks on a daily basis. This photo shows an ordinary day for Customs officers. Willingness, focus and commitment to work are their priorities in all conditions.
Morocco

*Between sky, land and sea, Customs watch smugglers*

In the north of Morocco, members of the Tetouan Customs brigade, deployed at the top of a cliff overlooking the coast, monitor the surrounding trails that can be used by smugglers.
Mozambique

Ivory trafficking in Maputo Port

Customs seized three and a half tonnes of ivory camouflaged by recycled plastic bottles. This was the largest seizure of ivory ever made by Mozambican Customs. Although trade in ivory has been banned since 1989 under the CITES, it continues illegally due to strong demand.
Nigeria

Anti-smuggling efforts towards a secure business environment

A garbage truck with smuggled used tyres was seized by the anti-smuggling unit of Nigeria Customs at the Seme border post located between Nigeria and Benin.
Controlling a vessel is a time-consuming affair. There are countless possible hiding places. In the picture, Customs officers from Bergen board a cruise ship. In 2018, more than 2,200 cruise ships were reported to 45 different ports on mainland Norway. (Photo: Eivind Senneset)
Pakistan

In the act of setting goods ablaze!

The photo was taken on the occasion of International Customs Day 2018 during a ceremony held to destroy contraband items, including narcotics, seized by Pakistan Customs.
Panama

Safety and trust, two key words

A modern Customs administration facilitates international trade by offering safety and building trust. It works hand-in-hand with the business community with the aim of consolidating Panama as a world-class logistics platform.
Paraguay

A new era

The training of Customs officers at the Higher Technical Institute of Customs (ITSA) and the Internal Commission for Accident Prevention (CIPA) has been adapted to the needs of a new era. In the photo, Customs officers, during one exercise, are covered with a special suit to be put on in case of emergency situations involving the use of chemical/biological weapons.
Peru

Customs, a 24/7 vocation

The commitment of the Customs officer is constant: smuggling and illicit traffic of merchandise has no rest. At an inhospitable border or in any part of the national territory, Customs officers work under tedious climatic conditions, day or night, with no specific schedule. The greatest reward is to know that we give our best to safeguard this vast and beautiful territory called Peru.
Qatar

Getting closer

It is a magnifying glass we are handling to have a closer look. Although we do use the latest technology to ensure the thorough inspection of goods crossing our borders, sometimes it is necessary to double-check to ensure even more safety.
Russian Federation

Unnoticed

At the Airport of Sheremetyevo, Customs officers scrutinize their screen in an effort to detect offenders.
An alligator in the package
Singapore

Unexpected inspections in Free Trade Zones

A surprise inspection by Customs officers of a warehouse in one of Singapore’s Free Trade Zones (FTZs). Regular checks are conducted on consignments shipped through FTZs to ensure compliance with Customs’ rules and regulations.
South Africa

Milo loves to make waves for criminals

Detector dog Milo and his handler, Customs officer Samkelisiwe Delwa, do not fear the open sea. In fact, they love to take on suspected criminals aboard vessels at outer anchorage through helicopter drops. In the picture, Milo and Officer Delwa are being lowered from a helicopter in Durban harbour to conduct a specialized rummage operation. The South African Revenue Service’s (SARS) Customs division has an internationally recognized Detector Dog Unit. This Unit is sometimes used in helicopter drops for vessel rummages at outer anchorage for rapid response as well as joint operations with other government departments, while offering training to various tax and Customs authorities in Africa. SARS Customs also has other specialized units, such as a marine unit, which assist in its fight against the smuggling of illicit goods.
Sri Lanka

A genuine endeavour to preserve the genuine

The Consumer Protection Unit was established to ensure the health and safety of consumers. For the 2018 International Customs Day celebration, the Unit decided to organize a ceremony for the destruction of counterfeit goods forfeited: 127,187 counterfeit and pirated items worth of 31 Million Sri Lankan rupees (about 185,000 US dollars) were destroyed. The photo depicts a roller compactor destroying the counterfeit and pirated goods. The event was covered by the media to convey the message of the importance of combating counterfeiting to the general public, importers, right holders, and other government authorities. Since Sri Lanka is a developing country, it is imperative to fight against counterfeiting and piracy in order to ensure a secure business environment while protecting the health and safety of consumers.
Sudan

A cross-border commercial journey

This photo shows trucks carrying loads of different items at Wadihalfa, a Customs land border post in northern Sudan, where the import and export trade between Egypt and Sudan always flows seamlessly in the same mode using similar mediums.
Switzerland

Clearance on a smartphone

With the QuickZoll application from Swiss Customs, individuals can digitally declare the goods they buy abroad for their private use or to whom they wish to make a gift and immediately pay any charges due in full autonomy, wherever they are.
Thailand

Greater commitment

A Customs official is checking goods in one of the largest ports in Thailand. His dedication to his work and attention to detail support the effectiveness of Customs’ role and mission – to facilitate legitimate trade whilst protecting society. With the increasing volumes of cargo coming into and out of the country in today’s international trade environment, Customs officials are required to process cargo with greater efficiency and speed, without compromising on its security, revenue collection and enforcement responsibilities.
Trinidad and Tobago

Customs goes mobile

A team of Customs officers prepare to demonstrate the capabilities of the VACIS mobile scanner at its initial launch at the Port of Point Lisas.
Turkey

We work for society health, peace and safety

We work as a team to protect society from the threats directed to its health, peace and safety. We fight counterfeiting, smuggling and terrorism in a cooperative manner. Join us in the fight to keep you safe!
Uganda

The Uganda Revenue Authority staff at the 4th WCO Global Authorized Economic Operators Conference in Kampala from 14 to 16 March 2018
Ukraine

**Inspection of a foreign ship**

A Customs officer from the Customs Office of the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine in Donetsk inspects a foreign ship at "Mariupol Trade Sea Port," an international sea checkpoint.
The Customs administrations strive to facilitate trade and provide the best services for businesses and travellers. Customs officers at Sharjah International Airport, with more than 11 million passengers per year, are available 24 hours a day, throughout the year. Thus, in order to maintain the swift movement of passengers both in and out of the Emirate, Customs officers use handheld trace detectors, which detect traces of explosives, chemical agents and narcotics. With high-tech handheld equipment, Sharjah Customs maintains efficient Customs control without causing any delay.
United Kingdom

Thames eye view

Border Force "Rib" at work, protecting the UK's key internal organ.
A Customs and Border Protection Office of Field Operations K9 officer rewards his dog after it located narcotics hidden in a package at the International Mail Facility in Chicago.
Hello friend!
Vietnam

Online surveillance

Equipped with modern technologies and facilities, the Online Surveillance and Command Centre under the Investigation and Anti-Smuggling Department helps reduce examinations during the clearance of goods, thereby facilitating trade, while ensuring a secure business environment and the safety of society.
Cultivating Customs compliance through education

The Zimbabwe Revenue Authority continuously interfaces with the public through exhibitions and breakfast meetings among other activities as a way of cultivating Customs compliance. During these activities, information is shared on possible rebates and on the necessary required documents, should people want to benefit from them. This education has led to a rise in the embracing of the pre-Customs clearance, electronic cargo tracking and e-services system.