



CUSTOMS - DRIVING TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

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INTRODUCTION

Environmental crime is a **serious global problem** that has wide implications on national and international **security, social and economic development, global health, and biodiversity and habitat**

Pollution of air, water and land, extinction of wildlife and depletion of natural resources evoke consequences of unprecedented scale





INTRODUCTION

- **2008** WCO Council adopted Recommendation concerning Actions Against Cross-Border Environmental Offences
- **2001** - WCO active Partner to Green Customs Initiative (GCI)
 - series of collaborative activities by partner organizations, coordinated by UNEP - aimed at raising awareness of Customs officers to trade-related MEAs
- **2010** – WCO Environment Programme





DEMETER



Possibly means "**earth mother**",

(derived from Greek $\delta\alpha$ (da) meaning "earth" and $\mu\eta\tau\eta\rho$ (meter) meaning "mother")

Greek mythology:
the goddess of agricultural

Roman counterpart: Ceres





DEMETER IV (2018)

- **37 warning messages** were sent to inform of suspicious shipments, request criminal background checks and verify documents
- **204 Cases** generated
- **75 Customs administrations** participated in biggest trans-national Customs operation targeting illegal trafficking of waste





DEMETER V - PARTICIPATION

- Participating Members Administrations: **83**
 - **183** CENcomm accounts for NCPs and OCU
- International Organizations: **6**
 - **BRS Convention Sec; UN Environment; INTERPOL; EUROPOL; Basel Con Regional Centre; WCO Sec**
- RILOs: **6**





DEMETER V - GENERAL

- 1 – 30 September 2019
- Focus: Waste as defined in Basel Convention
 - Specific Focus: **Plastic Waste & E Waste**
- Montreal Protocol Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer / **ODS**
 - **HFCs**





DEMETER V - MONTREAL

- Results not released yet
- 227 cases reported
- 195 out of 227 – commodities covered by Montreal Protocol
- Key commodities:
 - ODS Refrigerants
 - Equipment containing refrigerants
 - Halons





DEMETER V - BASEL

- 195 cases reported
- 4,165.9 tons and 59,983 pieces
- Key commodities:
 - E WASTE
 - Plastic Waste
 - Metal Scrap
 - Waste Vehicle Parts
 - Used Clothing / textiles





ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Global GDP is estimated at **US \$ 66.9 trillion**, but the global value of nature at **US \$ 145.1 trillion**





Customs Environmental Scan 2019

- Trade patterns - impacted by consumer demands and trends are showing **growing public interest** on **fight against climate change** and, more broadly, need to adopt more **sustainable** ways of living
- Public society is more and more willing to be ensured that **products they are consuming** originated from **sustainable trade**
- Customs administrations are in front line to control these products and decide to whether **release** them or to **seize** them





SUSTAINABILITY

- Meeting the needs of the current
- without compromising the needs of the future generations
- remains at the heart of the issue of sustainability





TYPES OF SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability is composed of either 3 or 4 pillars, depending on the source

- social (people)
- economic (profits)
- environmental (planet)
- human (WB)





SUSTAINABILITY AND CUSTOMS –

Role:

- **1. SDGs**
- **2. INTERNAL**
- **3. MEAs**
- **4. Economic**





SDGs - 2030



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS





MEAs

Fight crimes - international community concluded a number of **Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)** with international trade-related provisions

- Convention on Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (**CITES**)
- **Basel Convention** on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal
- **Cartagena Protocol** on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction (CWC) (**Org for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons - OPCW**)
- **Montreal Protocol** on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer
- **Rotterdam Convention** on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade
- **Stockholm Convention** on Persistent Organic Pollutants
- **Minamata Convention** on Mercury





STRATEGIC POSITION OF CUSTOMS

- Customs Authorities perform key functions for a country's **development and play a leading role within the stability and development of foreign trade**
- Customs Administrations - uniquely mandated and positioned at borders of a country, or at critical 'chokepoints' in the supply chain





THREAT AREAS

- **Plastic** and Electronic / Electrical **Waste** (E-waste)
- **ODS** (specifically HFC = GHG with high GWP)
- **Wildlife**
 - Pangolin
 - Ivory (Elephant)
 - T & T
 - Rhino Horn
 - Rosewood





DRIVERS OF CHANGE

- Population Explosion
- Economic Expansion
- 'City Planet'
- Demand for fuel
- Escalating Appetite
- Demand on Water Sources
- Consumerism



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