

Enhancing Non-Proliferation Activities in the Asian Region

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World Customs Organization

- ▶ Only IO solely focused on Customs matters
- ▶ 179 Member States
- ▶ HQ in Brussels + a network of regional entities
- ▶ Key activities
- ▶ More information available at www.wcoomd.org



Characteristics of the Asian Region

- ▶ Customs operating environment:
 - Export driven economies; huge trade volumes
 - Big global transportation hubs
 - Increase in risks and threats
- ▶ Customs administrations:
 - Customs mandates differ; no one-size-fits-all model exists for the region
 - Customs business by nature very import-driven
 - Different levels of capacity
- ▶ Customs and non-proliferation



Focus areas for the future

- ▶ **Legislation**
 - Legislation and control powers not always sufficient
 - **Promising developments; how to reproduce the success in the region?**
- ▶ **Organizational priorities**
 - STCE not often on top of the priority order
 - **How can we change this? Advocacy?**
- ▶ **Operational issues**
 - Resources; Infrastructure; Skills and knowledge
 - **Prioritization; Customs modernization efforts; targeted training**
- ▶ **Cooperation**
 - National, regional and international cooperation
 - **“Connecting” Customs nationally, regionally, and internationally**

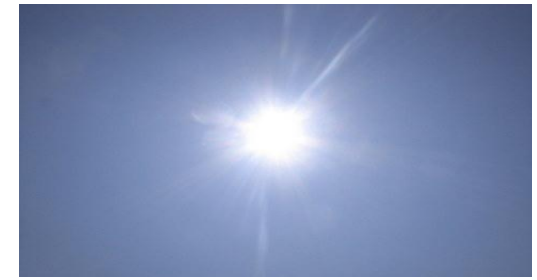


What is the WCO doing to help its Members in Asia?

- ▶ **STCE Project**
 - Launched in 2013
 - Awareness-raising
- ▶ **Training**
 - Preparation of a STCE Training Curriculum
 - Part 1 available in March 2014
- ▶ **International cooperation**
 - Multilateral efforts to prevent and detect illicit trafficking
 - Seminar 8 – 10 April 2014, WCO HQ, Brussels, Belgium
 - All Customs Administrations from the Asian Region are expected to participate
- ▶ **Infrastructure**
 - Cargo Targeting System (CTS) Application
 - nCEN Application



Conclusion



- ▶ Customs mandate
 - Compliance with supply chain security AND facilitation
 - Legitimate and illicit flows
- ▶ WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation
- ▶ Risk-based operating and control models required
- ▶ What are the implications of this in the strategic trade controls enforcement context?
- ▶ Involving Customs in national strategic trade control systems is critical...active participation needed from Customs



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
ATTENTION!**

Questions & comments

