

# Customs and Strategic Trade Controls

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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](http://www.wcoomd.org)



# Customs and Strategic Trade Controls

- ▶ Role of Customs
- ▶ Customs in Strategic Trade Control systems
  - Enforcement
  - Import, export, transit and transshipment
- ▶ “Known” & “Unknown”
- ▶ Intelligence enabled, risk-based control approach
- ▶ Objective: compliance, security and trade facilitation



# Challenges and Opportunities

- ▶ **Organizational capacity**
  - Risk assessment & targeting, commodity identification, backtracking investigations, case file management, and prosecution
- ▶ **Priorities**
  - Import/Export/Transit/Transshipment
- ▶ **Complexity of modern day trading practices**
- ▶ **Appropriate legislation for strategic trade controls**
- ▶ **Omnipresent at international border-crossing points**
- ▶ **Understanding of the supply chain and trade flows**
- ▶ **Cooperation – national, international, PPPs**



# WCO Activities in the Field of Strategic Trade Controls

- ▶ Awareness-raising and advocacy
- ▶ Tools, instruments, standards
- ▶ Capacity building, technical assistance, training
- ▶ Customs Enforcement Network
  - CEN, nCEN, CENComm, CTS
- ▶ Law enforcement operations and joint operational initiatives with other IOs
  - Global Shield, CCP
- ▶ Research and analysis
- ▶ WCO Strategic Trade Controls Enforcement Conference (November 2012)



# Asian Region



- ▶ Important region
  - Trade volumes
  - Strategic goods related risks
- ▶ Trends and patterns?
- ▶ Varying levels of organizational capacity
- ▶ Export/strategic trade controls & Regional Strategic Plan for Capacity Building
- ▶ WCO resources
  - RILO (Korea), ROCB (Thailand), 7 RTCs (China; Fiji; Hong Kong, China; India; Japan; Korea; Malaysia)



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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