

A CUSTOMS APPROACH TO COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN FRAUDULENT MEDICINE

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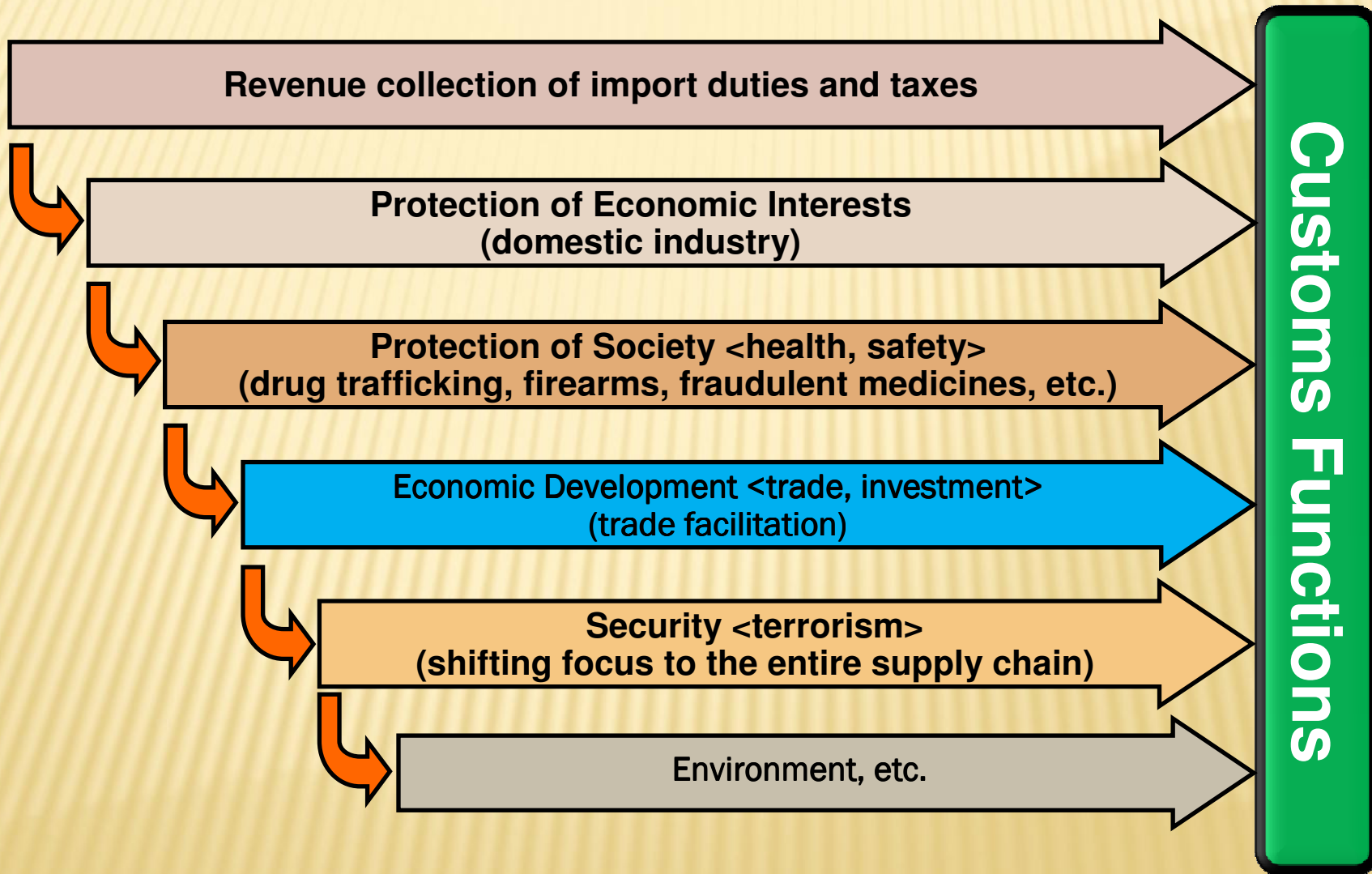
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EVOLUTION OF CUSTOMS



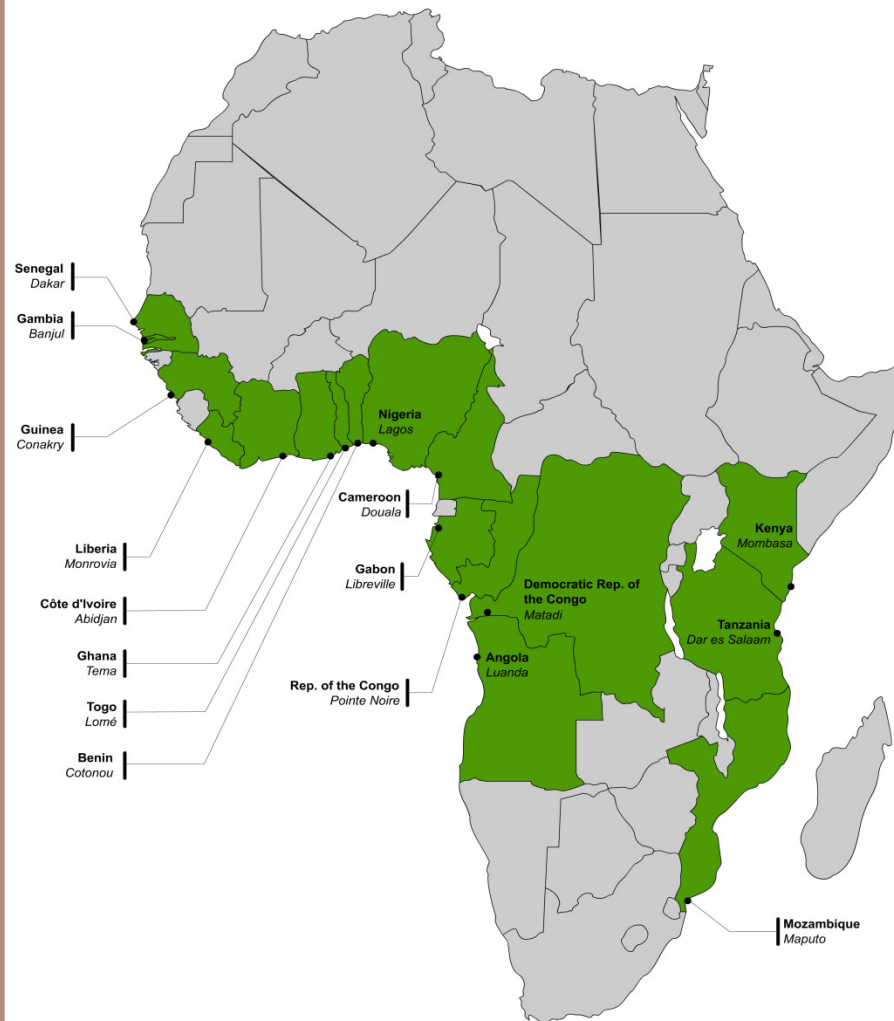
CUSTOMS (WCO) APPROACH

- ✘ Building capacity of Customs officers
(Awareness, knowledge and risk analysis techniques)
- ✘ Cooperation with strategic partners (e.g. drug regulators)
- ✘ Public-private partnership

OPERATION VICE GRIPS II

16 Ports

Luanda
Cotonou
Douala
Abidjan
Matadi
Libreville
Tema
Conakry
Mombasa
Monrovia
Maputo
Lagos
Pointe Noire
Dakar
Dar es Salaam
Lomé



16 Countries

Angola
Benin
Cameroon
Côte d'Ivoire
DRC
Gabon
Ghana
Guinea
Kenya
Liberia
Mozambique
Nigeria
Rep. of Congo
Senegal
Tanzania
Togo

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Products Targeted

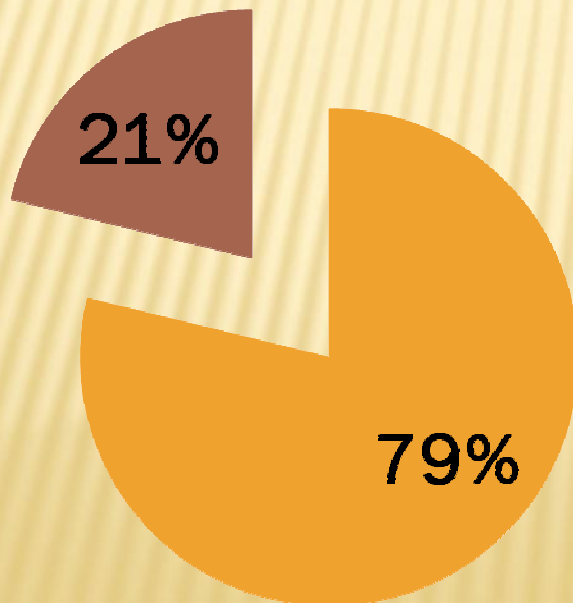
✘ Main Priority: Health and Safety of Consumers.

1. Pharmaceutical products
2. Spare parts
3. Foodstuff

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- 16 countries
- 84 containers
- 104,408,652 products intercepted

■ Pharmaceutical Products ■ Other



A total of 82,419,584 pharmaceutical products were intercepted.

IPM

- Interface Public Members
- A database of information that equips Customs officers with sufficient knowledge to better recognize fake goods
- Significant support from pharmaceutical industry



OPERATION VICE GRIPS II

Achievements

- A better understanding of the scope of the fraud phenomena.
- Assessment of the practical applicability of risk analysis standards under real-life conditions.
- Detection of new fraud vectors.
- IPM tool tested and its utility proven in real-life.
- Enhancement of partnership with other strategic partners (e.g. health authorities) and with the private sector.

WORKING WITH OTHER PARTNERS

- ✘ Operation PANGEA
(drug regulators, police and customs as well as the private sector)

- ✘ WCO-UNODC Container Control Programme (CCP)
(multi-agency Port Control Unit)

THANK YOU

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