



**World Customs  
Organization**



# Customs Operations for Consumer Safety and Health

Best practices in Market Surveillance and border controls

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# Customs Risk Management



- More diversified portfolio of Customs Administrations
- Responding to needs from society.

**Revenue**

**Illicit Drugs**

**Security**

**Public Health**

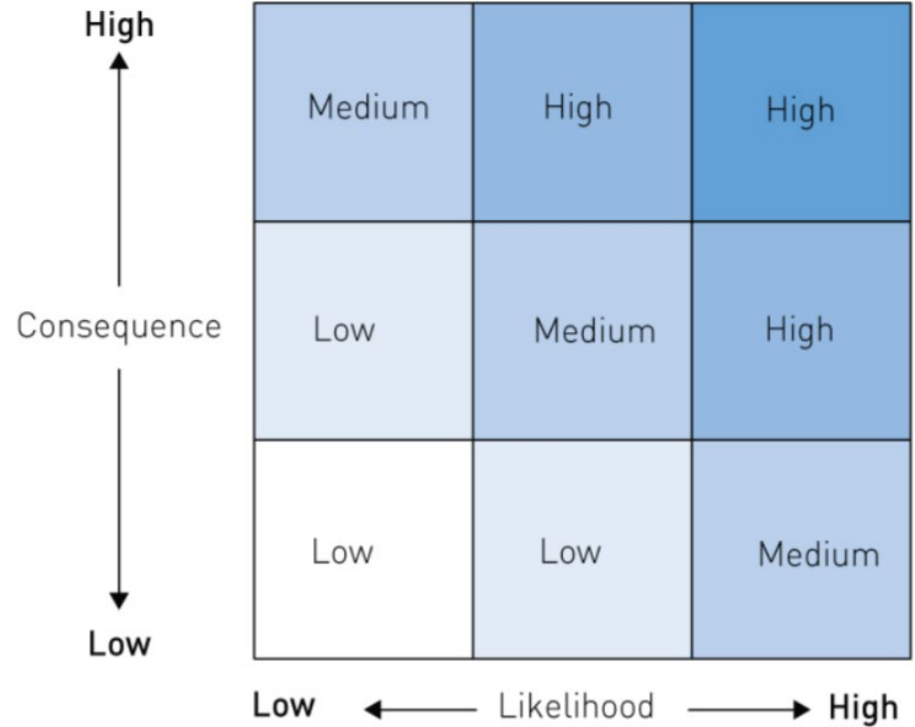
**IPR**

**Environment**

**Cultural Heritage**

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**AND Trade Facilitation**



# WCO Operation STOP, STOP II



- WCO's response to illegal trafficking linked to the **COVID-19 Pandemic**.
- **Targeted** inspections of consignments against counterfeit, substandard and/or illicit **pharmaceutical** products and other **medical** supplies.

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	STOP	STOP II
Duration	May to July 2020	April 2021 to May 2022 in 3 phases
Reported Seizures	1,683 from 51 WCO Members	2,769 from 90 WCO Members

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# Seized Pieces



+ 273.6 million  
**medicines**



+ 214.3 million  
**medical devices**  
including personal  
protective equipment -  
PPE



13.5 million doses of  
**illicit COVID-19 vaccines**  
(the majority of seizure cases were  
reported at export and the absence of  
required documents and licences was  
the reason for detaining the vaccines)



# Observed Trends



- A sudden **increase in small consignments** of anti-infective agents due to a sharp upsurge in demand during the pandemic.
- Anti-parasitic agents, such as ivermectin, had the boosted illicit supply especially through **e-commerce**, including **private imports of ivermectin by mail**.
- **The illicit trade are responding quickly** to new treatment (vaccines) and consumer demand. Timely training Customs officers helps Customs enforcement.



# E-COMMERCE-RELATED SEIZURES



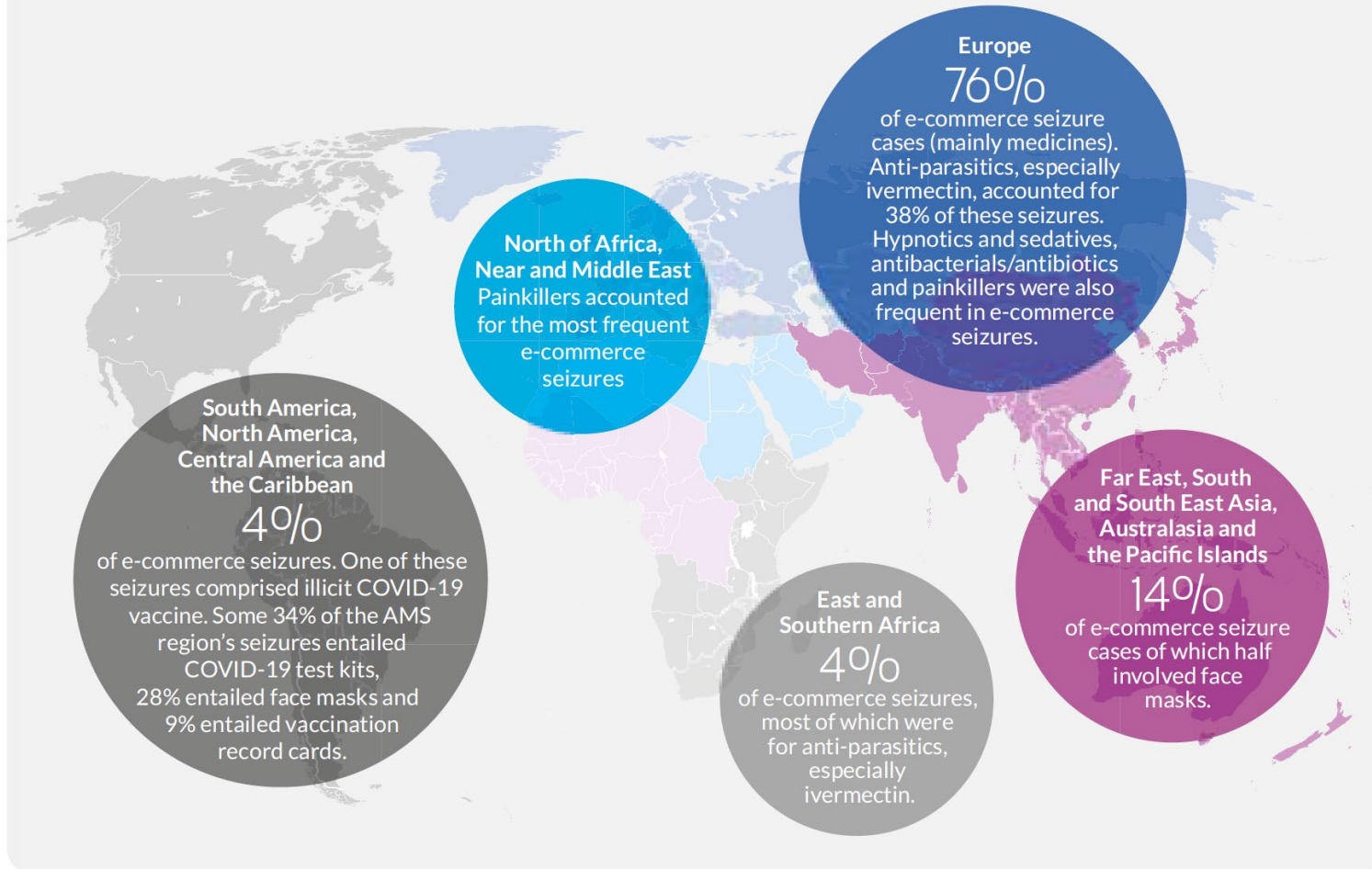
1,220

e-commerce-related seizures reported



1.2 million

pieces seized



# E-Commerce & Customs Risk Management



- **Accelerated increase** of e-commerce cross border transactions, exploited for illicit trades.
- **Less data quantity and quality** of low price parcels traded in e-commerce available for Customs administrations.
- Need to enhance **cooperation** with other government agencies, private sectors, and to utilize advanced **technology**.



# THANK YOU

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