Customs Risk Management

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

Revenue
Illicit Drugs
Security
Public Health
IPR
Environment
Cultural Heritage

... 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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<td>May to July 2020</td>
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<td>1,683 from 51 WCO Members</td>
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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

Europe 76% of e-commerce seizure cases (mainly medicines). Anti-parasitics, especially ivermectin, accounted for 38% of these seizures. Hypnotics and sedatives, antibacterials/antibiotics and painkillers were also frequent in e-commerce seizures.

North of Africa, Near and Middle East Painkillers accounted for the most frequent e-commerce seizures.

South America, North America, Central America and the Caribbean 4% of e-commerce seizures. One of these seizures comprised illicit COVID-19 vaccine. Some 34% of the AMS region’s seizures entailed COVID-19 test kits, 28% entailed face masks and 9% entailed vaccination record cards.

East and Southern Africa 4% of e-commerce seizures, most of which were for anti-parasitics, especially ivermectin.

Far East, South and South East Asia, Australasia and the Pacific Islands 14% of e-commerce seizure cases of which half involved face masks.
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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