

Best practices in Market Surveillance and border controls

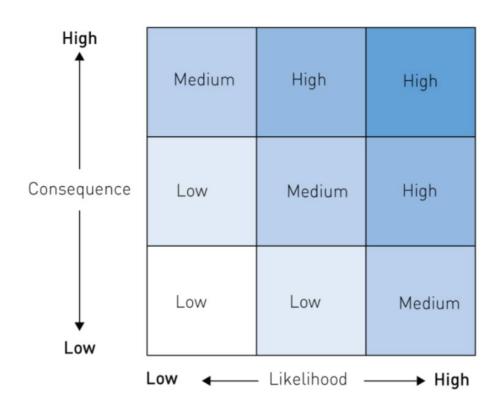
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Customs Risk Management



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

Revenue **Illicit Drugs Security Public Health IPR Environment Cultural Heritage 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.

	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



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

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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

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

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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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