

# The Role of Customs in ensuring a safe trade regime for strategic goods

## UNSCR 1540 & the WCO Strategic Trade Control Enforcement Programme

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# UNSCR 1540

- Resolution 1540 imposes **binding obligations** on all states to take and enforce “**effective measures**” to **prevent proliferation** of nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons and their means of delivery, including, inter alia,
  - Export, transit, trans-shipment, and border controls
  - Law enforcement to block illicit trafficking of related materials
- Requires states to act beyond an expression of commitment
  - **Legislation, implementation, and enforcement**



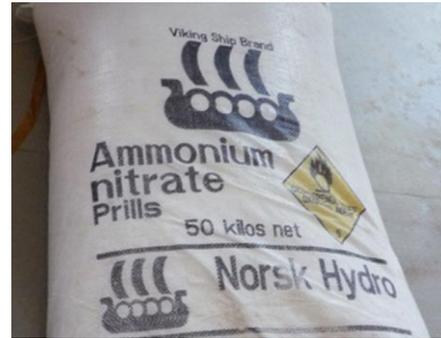
# UNSCR 1540 Requirements and the Role of Customs

- Regarding “materials, equipment, and technology covered by the relevant multilateral treaties and arrangement...”
  - Paragraph 3.c
    - Establish effective border controls and law enforcement efforts to detect, deter, prevent and combat ... the illicit trafficking and brokering in such items...
  - Paragraph 3.d
    - Establish, develop, review and maintain appropriate effective national export and trans-shipment controls over such items...



# Challenges for Customs in controlling transfers of sensitive materials

- Competing Customs priorities
- Balancing Trade facilitation and enforcement
- Lack of effective targeting tools
- Lack of pre-arrival information
- Incomplete accompanying paperwork making identification difficult



# Challenges for Customs in controlling transfers of sensitive materials (cont.)

- Limited Knowledge of Customs inspectors
- Lack of awareness of controlled goods / control list
- Lack of safe areas to examine dangerous goods
- Limited capacity of /or access to Customs / Government laboratories



# Challenges

- Including Enforcement of UNSCR 1540 in Customs Mandate
- Establishing control list and clear legislation for Customs Enforcement
- Greater mutual awareness of each others roles - Customs, Licensing etc
- Improved inspection facilities, equipment and targeting tools
- Training



# STCE Training Modules

## POLICY TRACK

- Definition and Importance of Strategic Goods
- International Legal Frameworks and Regimes to Govern Strategic Trade
- Components of a National STCE System and the Role of Customs

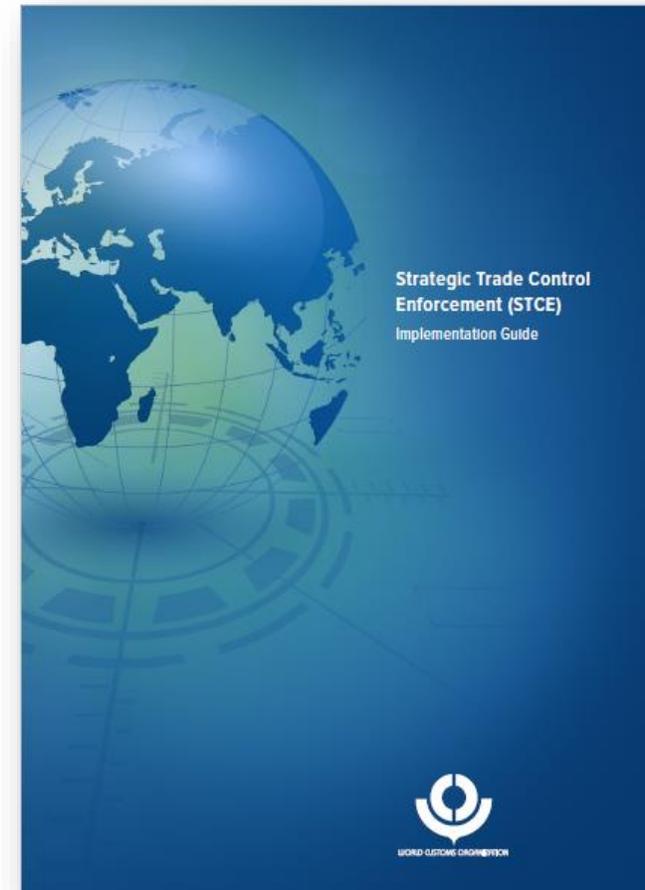
## OPERATIONAL TRACK

- Definition and Importance of Strategic Goods
- STC Post-Clearance Audit
- STC Risk Assessment, Profiling, and Targeting
- CBRN materials, WMD-related dual use materials and equipment, weapons and military equipment



# *STCE Implementation Guide*

- The international standard for Customs issues related to STCE
  - Adopted by the European Union, the United States, the Proliferation Security Initiative, and numerous capacity building outreach programs
- Available in English, French, Arabic, Spanish, and Russian



# *Elements of STCE Programme*

- 1- Development and update of **STCE training curriculum** and **STCE Implementation Guide**
- 2-**Organization** of a **Train-the-Trainer workshops for STCE** and accreditation of experts in this field
- 3- Deliver **STCE national technical assistance** based on the **WCO Training Curriculum** and mentoring
- 4- Promotion of **best practices in STCE** within Customs administration through **workshops** and **mentoring**
- 5- Organization of further STCE-related law enforcement operational exercises(**Cosmo** )
- 6- Enhancement of **industry outreach** activities at the global level and national level and
- 7- Coordination with broader **counter proliferation** and **1540 implementation** efforts



# Training and Mentoring



# *Embedding STCE in the Customs Mandate*

- Supporting Thai Customs run STCE Training workshop for ASEAN Countries in July 2019
- Supporting Pakistan Customs establish Counter Proliferation Unit in Islamabad and Karachi
- Supporting OPCW deliver CWC related training to Customs audiences
- Support Kenya Revenue Authority develop an African focused STCE training
- Delivering Customs focused STCE training for EU P2P
- Syndicating STCE for 14 Customs administrations



# *Future WCO STCE support to Pacific Region States*

## IDEAS:

- Regional Training Approach
- Train the Trainer and Oceania specific Curriculum development for regional focus list goods
- Technical Support and mentoring from Neighbouring Customs Administrations
- Regional awareness operations



# Any Questions



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