



Risk Management Systems “Information exchange at trans-national level: added value and shortcomings”



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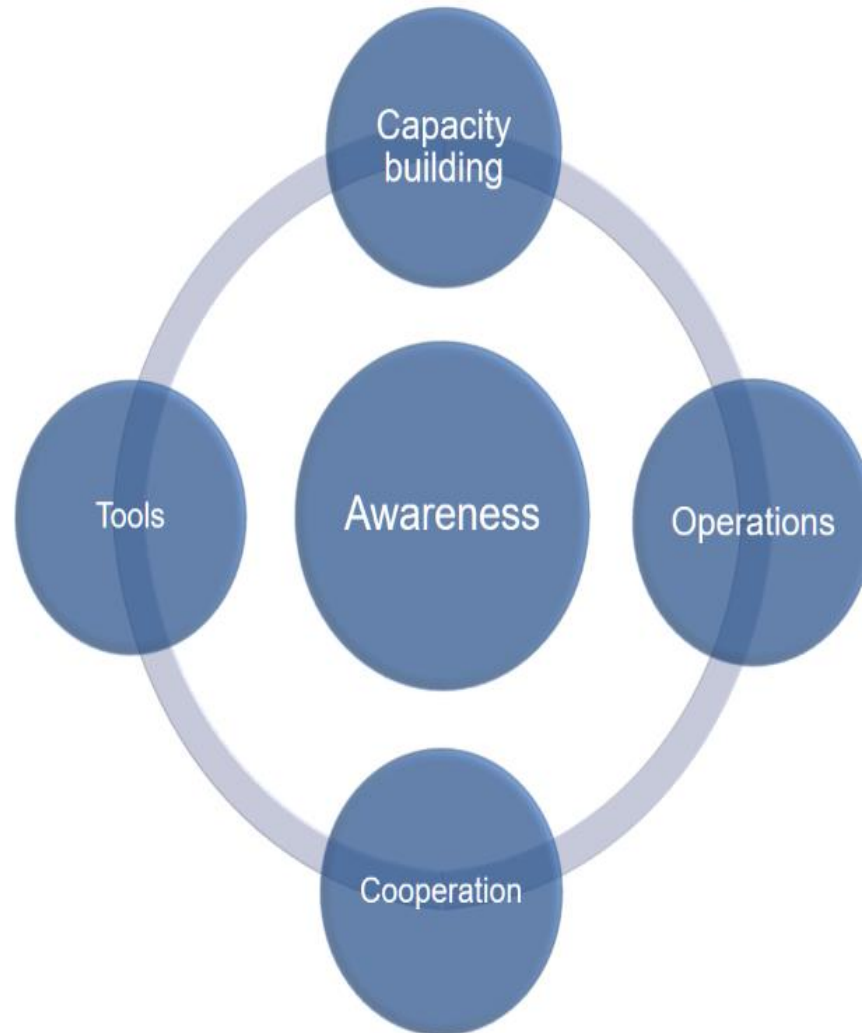
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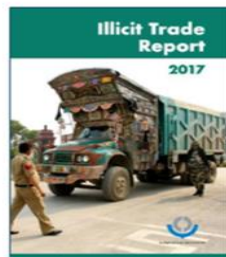
Protect society, public health and safety

and contribute to combatting crime and terrorism

The WCO IPR Health & Safety Program



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COVID-19: WCO launches an IPR CENcomm Group for data exchange on counterfeit medical supplies and fake medicines



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While the world is gripped by the fight against COVID-19, criminal organizations have turned this global pandemic into an opportunity to carry out their fraudulent activities, particularly by trafficking counterfeit medical supplies such as face masks and medical gloves.

Recognizing the importance of permanent and real-time exchange of relevant information to fight these criminal activities, the World Customs Organization (WCO) launched the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) CENcomm Group on the newly modernized CENcomm 3.0 platform.

“The WCO stands for a united and strong response to any crisis, which affects the global supply chain and safety of societies,” said WCO Secretary General Dr. Kunio Mikuriya. “This new IPR CENcomm group will globally enhance real-time intelligence sharing on fake medical supplies and medicines and enable Customs worldwide to fight illicit trade. Organized criminal groups will not be the winner in this challenge,” added Dr. Mikuriya.

This tool, a web-based communication system, will allow a closed user group of Customs officers to exchange intelligence information, messages and alerts via secure channels. This information exchange will empower and enhance participating administrations’ risk management and enforcement operations in the areas of countering IPR infringements and consumers safety capacity.

The WCO urges its 183 Members to register for the IPR CENcomm Group and to submit the details of their national contact points of this group.

The WCO is constantly monitoring the development of this situation and is updating its Members on any new development through the [dedicated WCO webpage](#).

For more information, please contact: IPRTeam@wcoomd.org

Photos





STOP = WCO response COVID-19



□ 98 Customs Administrations

□ 6 RILO's, INTERPOL, UNODC, Europol, OLAF, WHO



Medicines and goods related to COVID-19 pandemic

STOP = WCO response COVID-19



- ❑ Webinar training for Customs officers...
- ❑ Secure tool of Communication: WCO IPR-CENcomm
- ❑ 531 seizures/detentions...
- ❑ All targeted goods seized/stopped: medicines, gloves, masks, thermometers, COVID-19 test kits etc ...

The shortcomings



- Insufficient political will**
- lack of dedicated IPR unit**
- lack of collaboration and coordination with stakeholders**
- lack of capacity building**

The shortcomings



Not taking into account

IPR risks indicator....

The way forward



- Promotion of Awareness**
- Establish dedicated IPR Unit/Team**
- Training and capacity building**
- Information Sharing**

The way forward



- Integrate and update IPR-related risk indicators into Risk management System**
- Enhance Coordination and Collaboration with Key Stakeholders**
- Participation and organization of Operation**
- Implementation of nCEN and proactive contribution to CEN**



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THANK YOU

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