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OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

From: General Secretariat of the Council
On: 11 October 2013
To: Customs Cooperation Working Party
Subject: Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as outlined in doc. CM 4444/13.

2. Information from the Presidency

The Presidency gave an overview of the main issues of interest for the CCWP, as referred to in doc. DS 1783/13, emphasising the upcoming OAP workshops and the need for active involvement of customs authorities, as well as importance of national coordination.

3. Legal Framework of the Operation SNAKE

OLAF gave a presentation clarifying issues related to Operation SNAKE.

4. Fight against illegal manufacturing of cigarettes in the EU

ES gave a presentation on the dismantling of two illegal cigarette manufacturing factories in Spain.

5. Draft Council Conclusions on the fight against cigarette smuggling and other form of illicit trade in tobacco products

The Presidency invited the MS to provide their comments on revised draft Council Conclusions on the fight against trade in illicit tobacco products (doc. DS 1633/1/13 REV 1).

Almost all MS provided their detailed comments and input on the draft Council Conclusions, either in writing before the meeting or orally in the meeting. While the comments differed substantially in some cases, all MS supported the Council Conclusions as such. The Presidency provided clarifications on issues and queries raised by individual MS, and invited the MS to provide their further comments by 22 October 2013 with a view to having the next revision ready well ahead of the November CCWP meeting.

6. The Fifth Action Plan (July 2011 – December 2012) to implement the Council Resolution of 23 October 2009 on a reinforced strategy for customs cooperation:

The Presidency concluded that the Fifth Action Plan has been completed as set out in doc. DS 1010/4/13 REV 4. The last outstanding report (action 5.1 “To improve the possibilities to tackle the threat of serious and organised crime in tobacco smuggling, through new forms of cooperation and investigative techniques”) was adopted at the September CCWP meeting and the final revision was issued in the follow-up to the meeting (doc. 8258/2/13 REV 2 ENFOCUSTOM 62 UD 108 ENFOPOL 142 COSI 57).

7. EU Policy Cycle: Status of the 2014-2017 policy cycle, Multi Annual Strategic Plans (MASPs) and drafting of Operational Action Plans (OAPs) in October 2013

Europol presented the status of the EU policy cycle emphasising its multidisciplinary nature and need for active customs involvement.

8. The Sixth Action Plan (January 2013 – December 2013) to implement the new strategy for the future of customs law enforcement cooperation of December 2012, based on Council Resolution of 13 December 2011

The implementation status of the Sixth Action Plan is set out in doc. DS 1471/4/13 REV 4.

- a) **Presentation for adoption of the Draft Final Report on Action 6.1 “To evaluate the implementation of all previous actions plans to ensure proper follow up of the recommendations, with particular emphasis on those addressed to the CCWP and the Commission”**

The LT delegation presented the revised draft final report (doc. 12679/1/13 REV 1 ENFOCUSTOM 122), which was approved by the delegates including minor modifications and corrections, which would be included in the final revision of the report to be issued in the follow up to the meeting.

- b) **Presentation for adoption of the Draft Final Report on Action 6.4 “The draft Seventh Action Plan, reflective of the EU Policy Cycle”**

The Presidency presented the revised draft of the Seventh Action Plan as set out in doc. 12468/2/13 REV 2 ENFOCUSTOM 120, underlining the need to identify leaders for all actions and secure sufficient MS participation. The Presidency also emphasised the need for links between the Seventh Action Plan and Operational Actions Plans (OAPs) within the context of the EU Policy Cycle, in particular the Counterfeit Goods and MTIC/Excise Fraud. Several MS confirmed their participation in the actions. The Presidency invited the MS to provide their further comments and confirmations of participation by 15 October 2013.

- c) **Update on Action 6.6**

The Presidency informed the delegates of preparations for the upcoming meeting of the heads of CCUs in Vilnius in November 2013. The MS are invited to send their registrations by 18 October 2013.

9. Six-month report on the activities of the CCWP

The IE delegation briefly outlined the six-month report (doc. 13954/13 ENFOCUSTOM 142) covering the main activities and achievements of the Irish Presidency.

10. Annex to the FIDE Handbook - current state of play on declarations required to be given by MS regarding the list of serious contraventions of their respective national laws as provided for in Article 15(3) of the CIS Decision

The Presidency invited the Secretariat General of the Council (GSC) to give an overview of the status of MS contributions to the Annex to the FIDE Handbook listing serious contraventions of respective national law in the MS as provided in Article 15 (3) of the CIS Decision. The delegates were informed that some contributions are still missing, and the GSC is to proceed with issuing of the annex in the course of autumn 2013.

11. AOB

No item was raised.
