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## OUTCOME OF PROCEEDINGS

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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	14 April 2016
To:	Customs Cooperation Working Party
Subject:	Summary of discussions

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### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was adopted as set out in CM 1963/1/16.

### 2. Information from the Presidency

The Presidency informed the Working Party of the latest documents and meetings relevant to customs, outlining in particular the Risk Analyses for 2016 published by Frontex on 5 April 2016, the Commission Communication on Stronger and Smarter Information Systems for Borders and Security from 6 April 2016 (7644/16), the Commission Action Plan on VAT (7687/16), the EU Court of Auditors Special Report on intra-Community VAT fraud (7268/16).

The Presidency noted also the High-Level Seminar on Wildlife crime which took place in the Hague from 1 to 3 March 2016, as well as the High-Level Seminar on Cooperation between customs and other authorities in the fight against the infringements of Intellectual Property Rights held in Alicante in February 2016.

Among the main forthcoming meetings with relevance for customs the Presidency outlined the COSI-Support Group meeting from 14 April 2016, the Risk Management Strategy Implementation Coordination Group under DG TAXUD to be held on 21 April 2016, the National EMPACT Coordinators meeting (24 - 26 May 2016).

### **3. Meeting of Customs Directors General on 19-20 April 2016**

The Presidency informed the Working Party of the new dates of the Customs Directors General meeting, scheduled to take place on 19-20 April 2016.

### **4. Interactions between the EU Policy Cycle Operational Action Plans and the CCWP 8th Action Plan**

The Presidency reiterated the importance of a proper follow up to and implementation of the four measures for improving the synergies between the 8th AP and the European Policy Cycle as defined in 6015/1/16 REV 1 and noted that this issue was subject to discussion also in the COSI SG meeting the same day. Member States were requested to provide written comments to the Presidency's paper by 29 April 2016. A revised version of the document reflecting the comments would be issued for the next CCWP meeting on 1 June 2016.

### **5. 8th Action Plan (2016-2017) of the Customs Cooperation Working Party**

The Working Party had a discussion on the mandates for five of the seven Actions of the 8th Action Plan, presented by their Action Leaders:

1. Mandate for Action 8.2 "Customs against Internet crime (C@ic)" (7448/16) presented by DE;
2. Mandate for Action 8.3 "Cash movements" (6095/1/16 REV 1) presented by FR;
3. Mandate for Action 8.6.1 "Cigarettes and tobacco products" (7449/16) presented by EE;
4. Mandate for Action 8.6.2 "Mineral oils" (6389/2/16 REV 2) presented by HU;
5. Mandate for Action 8.7 "Central Coordination Units" (7450/16) presented by SK.

The Working Party adopted the mandates for Action 8.6.2 "Mineral oils" as set out in 6389/2/16 REV 2, and for Action 8.3. "Cash movements" as set out in 6095/1/16 REV 1, subject to comments raised and agreed upon during the meeting, which would be reflected in a revised version to be issued.

For the remaining three mandates the Delegates were requested to provide written comments by 29 April 2016 for Actions 8.2 "Customs against Internet crime (C@ic)" and 8.6.1 "Cigarettes and tobacco products" respectively, and by 21 April 2016 for Action 8.7 "Central Coordination Units", with a view to including the three mandates on the agenda of the CCWP on 1 June 2016.

## **6. Finalisation of the 7th Action Plan**

The Working Party adopted the Final Report on Action 7.8 "Central Coordination Units (7452/16)", and was updated on the state of play of the Final Report of Action 7.3 "Internet crime".

## **7. SOCTA questionnaire and methodology**

Europol presented an outline of the SOCTA process and the timeline for updating the SOCTA Questionnaire and Methodology (7453/16), highlighting the main elements which could be relevant to customs. The Presidency announced its plans for drafting and presenting a paper suggesting possible ways for enhancing customs input into SOCTA during the CCWP meeting on 1 or 28 June.

## **8. Revision of the Joint Customs Operations Guide: Strategic and tactical objectives for the Joint Customs Operations**

The Working Party adopted the revised Strategic and Tactical Objectives for the Joint Customs Operations (DS 1094/1/16 REV 1 and DS 1187/16 COR1) in the framework of the Revision of the Joint Customs Operations Guide. A revised version of the tactical objectives reflecting comments raised during the meeting would be issued.

## **9. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking**

The Commission presented its Action Plan against wildlife trafficking as set out in 6570/16+ADD 1. The Presidency presented a discussion paper on the actions from the Commission's Action Plan which might be of relevance to customs and the possible ways for addressing them (DS 1191/16). Member States were requested to provide written comments to the Presidency's paper by 29 April 2016 with a view of bringing it back to the agenda of the CCWP on 1 June 2016.

## **10. Six months report of the Luxembourg Presidency**

The presentation of the six months report of the Luxembourg Presidency has been postponed to the next meeting of the CCWP on 1 June 2016.

## **11. Thematic use of expert groups and networks by CCWP**

The Presidency updated the Working Party on the CCWP Experts meeting of 3 March 2016 and presented a draft framework on the use of thematic expert groups by the CCWP as set out in 7455/16. Member States were requested to provide written comments to the Presidency's paper by 29 April 2016. The Commission made a presentation on the Internal Security Fund.

## **12. Update of the monitoring file of implementation of the Project Groups' recommendations**

The Presidency presented the updated monitoring file of implementation of the Project groups' recommendations as set out in 7456/16 + ADD 1. Member States were requested to provide written comments on the document by 29 April 2016.

## **13. AOB**

The Commission recalled the deadline (2 May 2016) for contributions to the Survey on "One seizure-One report", launched in March 2016.

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