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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	31 March 2014
To:	Customs Cooperation Working Party
Subject:	Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. CM 1898/1/14 REV 1 with additional information items added at the request of the Czech Republic (large-scale heroin seizure), Germany (status of annex to the FIDE Handbook), Netherlands (EMPACT meeting at Europol) and OLAF (Europol's visit at OLAF's VOCU).

2. Information from the Presidency

The Presidency briefed the delegates about the recently held and forthcoming meetings and workshops relevant for customs.

3. Information from the Presidency of the LEWP

The chair of the LEWP briefed the CCWP delegates on the activities of the LEWP, which are since June 2013 focusing on the proposed Europol Regulation. Beyond information on main issues related to the Europol Regulation, the CCWP was briefed also on eight subgroup and network meetings under the LEWP umbrella.

4. The Seventh Action Plan (January 2014 – December 2015), reflective of the EU Policy Cycle

The Presidency briefed the CCWP delegates on the status of individual actions of the 7th Action Plan of the CCWP, updating information set out in doc. DS 1048/1/14 REV 1. The delegations were requested to provide answers by 30 April to the recently distributed questionnaire by the Project Group for action 7.1.

a) Mandates to project groups (for adoption):

Action 7.2 “To explore ways to improve cooperation with public authorities and private organizations in the field of counterfeit goods which are dangerous to public health and safety, taking into account the enforcement of the new IPR regulation”

The NL delegation presented the draft mandate as set out in doc. 5749/14 ENFOCUSTOM 6, and the meeting adopted it as presented. IT joined Project Group 7.2.

Action 7.3 “To examine the working/investigative techniques applied by customs and other law enforcement authorities to combat customs related crime, including organized crime, through the Internet, and to explore the current situation regarding the existence of customs specialized units dealing with those crimes and to ensure follow – up to action 5.2”

The DE delegation presented the draft mandate as set out in doc. 5751/14 ENFOCUSTOM 7 CYBER 6 COSI 11, and the meeting adopted it as presented. LT joined Project Group 7.3. COM encouraged the Project Group to intensively cooperate with the European cybercrime centre.

5. Training for Customs Authorities

CEPOL made a presentation on its offer of law enforcement trainings and their availability to customs officers, focusing on customs-relevant training related to the EU policy cycle, as well as on online trainings and webinars.

6. Report on the questionnaire regarding Customs' engagement with the EU Policy Cycle

The Presidency presented the findings from the MS replies to the questionnaire on customs engagement with the EU Policy Cycle, as set out in doc. 7222/14 ENFOCUSTOM 33 COSI 21. The questionnaire (doc. CM 5761/13) was issued as a follow-up to the first initiative on customs engagement with the EU Policy Cycle under the IE Presidency, and is focused on incorporation of EU Policy Cycle in national customs strategies and action plans, and participation of customs in preparation of MASPs and OAPs. The MS welcomed the improvements and forthcoming presentation of the report in COSI. The Presidency invited the MS to provide their comments by 7 April.

7. Presentation on the outcomes of the High Level Seminar on EU Customs Union's Governance Reform – Athens 20-21 March 2014

The Presidency presented the outcomes and next steps resulting from the High Level Seminar on EU Customs Union's Governance Reform and adopted Athens Declaration.

8. Future role of the CCWP: follow up on discussions

The Presidency proposed an informal meeting with interested delegations to further discuss the MS comments and proposals on the Presidency discussion paper (doc. 5754/14 ENFOCUSTOM 9 ENFOPOL 34 COSI 15), to be followed by a discussion in CCWP plenary meeting on 13 May.

9. Master study on customs and supply chain compliance

The NL delegation made a brief presentation about the recently established Master study on customs and supply chain compliance at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam, which is open to participants from the MS.

10. AOB

The CZ delegation informed the delegates of the recent 182 kg heroin seizure, and importance of centralised systems (ATIS), which played a crucial role.

The OLAF representative informed the delegates of the recent visit of Europol experts at OLAF for a presentation of VOCU by OLAF with the LT customs expert involved in JCO Warehouse.

NL requested information on an EMPACT meeting held at Europol, which would be provided in the next CCWP plenary meeting.

DE requested information on the status of the annex to the FIDE Handbook, and the GSC informed the delegates that almost all MS provided their contributions and the annex is being prepared and should be issued shortly.
