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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
On:	13 June 2014
To:	Customs Cooperation Working Party (Experts meeting)
Subject:	Summary of discussions

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in doc. CM 2924/1/14 REV 1, a presentation by LT on emerging cigarette smuggling patterns being added under AOB.

2. Information by the Presidency

The Presidency briefed the delegates about the forthcoming meetings and recently held events and initiatives relevant for customs, including an update on the National EMPACT Coordinators (NEC) meeting which took place in The Hague on 27-28 May. Within this framework, the report on customs engagement in the EU policy cycle (doc. 7222/14 ENFOCUSTOM 33 COSI 21), as well as the progress of the 7th Action Plan of the CCWP (doc. 12468/7/13 REV 7 ENFOCUSTOM 120) and the synergies with OAPs were presented.

3. JCOs and Operational Activities

– Business case of JCO WAREHOUSE II

IT presented the Business case of JCO WAREHOUSE II for adoption, as set out in doc. 10259/14 ENFOCUSTOM 68 RESTREINT UE. JCO WAREHOUSE II builds on JCO WAREHOUSE from 2013. Several MS, the Commission and Europol expressed their support for JCO WAREHOUSE II. The Presidency gave a deadline for comments until 23 June and announced that the document would be adopted through written procedure. If necessary, a revised version would be sent.

– Preliminary outcomes of JCO ERMIS

The Presidency presented the preliminary outcomes of JCO ERMIS as set out in doc. 12682/13 ENFOCUSTOM 125 RESTREINT UE. JCO ERMIS concerned the postal/courier mail of counterfeit products and took place between January and June 2014. The participants were 26 MS, the candidate countries, the Commission, Europol, Interpol and WCO. The final report is to be discussed during a meeting in Athens at the end of June.

– JCOs REPLICA and SNAKE

OLAF presented the preliminary results of JCOs REPLICA and SNAKE, stating that these are positive. OLAF also emphasised the fact that for both operations the involvement of the Chinese authorities was crucial.

4. Information on the outcome of the last meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for Joint Operations

The PRES presented the outcome of the last meeting of the Coordination Mechanism for Joint Operations which took place on 15 May.

5. Update of the multi-annual overview of JCOs and other operations

The PRES presented an update of the multi-annual overview of JCOs and other operations, as set out in doc. 10260/14 ENFOCUSTOM 69 RESTREINT UE. The Presidency explained that the new version was shortened, covering only the actions of the past 5 years. Information regarding older operations can still be found in the previous version of the document (5194/6/13 REV 6 ENFOCUSTOM 6 RESTREINT UE). A deadline for comments was given until 23 June.

6. Project group on data mining

LT presented an update on the project group on data mining, stating that there was a huge interest from the MS to take part in this project. The group was formally established and funding was requested. If the request is accepted, the first meeting will take place in September.

7. Action 7.5 “To identify the need for new models of cooperation between customs and other agencies/joint customs operations. To implement the strategy of the future customs law enforcement cooperation within the context of the EU policy cycle while taking into account the link with the tax authorities”

The questionnaire set out in doc. CM 3000/14 concerns the methods of cooperation between customs and police and tax authorities. The objective of the questionnaire is to map the cooperation which is already taking place between these authorities and to identify problems and best practices. The incoming IT Presidency will compile and present the results. A deadline for comments was given until 23 June. If necessary, a revision will be issued incorporating all the proposals of the MS.

8. Information by the incoming IT Presidency

The incoming IT Presidency briefly presented its priorities in the area of customs cooperation. The emphasis was placed on the exchange of good practices. The formal and complete presentation of the priorities will take place in July CCWP plenary meeting.

9. AOB

LT gave a presentation on the new trends in cigarette smuggling.