

# WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION

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For National Focal points  
for veterinary Products  
Swaziland

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# Certain operations held previously

- Pangea
- ACIM 1 – action against
- ACIM 2
- Biyela 1
- Biyela 2
- Channel Gate



# Operation PANGEA

- 103 countries with 193 Agencies
- 335,660 packages inspected
- 167,917 packages seized
- 12,5 units of medicines seized (some veterinary)
- US \$ 53,7 value
- 7,410 illegal websites inspected 4,937 shut down
- 297 search warrants
- 393 individuals arrested or investigated



# ACIM 1 – ACTION AGAINST COUNTERFEIT AND ILLICIT MEDICINES

- Participants: WCO, 16 member administrations from Africa, with financial support from the International Institute for Research Against Counterfeit Medicine (IRACM).

- Goods targeted: Pharmaceutical products including veterinary products, food items including animal food, pesticides, fertilizers, alcoholic beverages, everyday consumer goods, counterfeit, pirated goods and all goods posing a threat to health and safety.
- Phase 1 – customs training
- Phase 2 – operational phase
- Phase 3 – follow up and reporting



- At 30 September 2016, over 128 million units of all types of goods were intercepted (seized and pending).
  - This consisted of 510 cases from the different African countries.
  - Medicine and pharmaceutical products accounted for 98% of units intercepted
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Reporting Country	Cases		Units Intercepted	
	No	%	No	%
Angola	68	13,33	1 995 754	1,55
Benin	11	2,16	32 597 600	25,27
Cameroon	3	0,59	31 714	0,02
Democratic Republic of Congo, The	19	3,73	4 326 818	3,35
Côte d' Ivoire	20	3,92	407 522	0,32
Ghana	4	0,78	2 474	0,00
Kenya	40	7,84	12 509 823	9,70
Mozambique	84	16,47	24 965	0,02
Namibia	95	18,63	11 248 338	8,72
Nigeria	16	3,14	44 123 422	34,20
Senegal	3	0,59	22 360	0,02
South Africa	82	16,08	1 528 962	1,19
Tanzania, United Republic	34	6,67	7 937 737	6,15
Togo	31	6,08	12 241 620	9,49
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>128 999 109</b>	<b>100,00</b>



Nature of Goods	Cases		Units Intercepted	
	No	%	No	%
Accessories	7	1.37	44 306	0,03
Alcoholic Beverages	5	0.98	8 340	0,01
Clothing	53	10.39	13 599	0,01
Computers and accessories	2	0.39	3 553	0,00
Electronic appliances	12	2.35	3 211	0,00
Foodstuff	9	1.76	39 264	0,03
Footwear	39	7.65	329 414	0,26
Medicine and pharmaceutical products*	179	35.10	126 151 152	97,79
Mobile phones and accessories	2	0.39	33 672	0,03
Others (specify in narrative)	82	16.08	916 722	0,71
Pesticides	2	0.39	59 532	0,05
Soft drinks	1	0.20	2 400	0,00
Textiles other than clothing	5	0.98	785 428	0,61
Toiletries / cosmetics	109	21.37	582 338	0,45
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# Types of pharmaceutical products intercepted

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Blood Agents	2	1,12	1 248	0,00
Dermatological Agents	14	7,82	435 425	0,35
Gastrointestinal Agents	10	5,59	8 025 100	6,36
Hair Loss Agents	2	1,12	8 724	0,01
Health Supplements	15	8,38	13 080 870	10,37
Hormone Agents	8	4,47	972 688	0,77
Immunological Agents	1	0,56	112 500	0,09
Medical Devices	1	0,56	5000	0,00
Musculoskeletal Agents	25	13,97	32 673 370	25,90
Nervous System Agents	6	3,35	14 839 500	11,76
Other Specify in narrative	15	8,38	3 317 237	2,63
Psychotherapeutic Agents	2	1,12	1 309 600	1,04
Respiratory System Agents	4	2,23	39 300	0,03
Urogenital Agents	1	0,56	1000	0,00
Veterinary Agents	14	7,82	247 900	0,20
Unknown	5	2,79	190 760	0,94
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# Veterinary products intercepted in Kenya during operation ACIM 1

- Inappropriate transport conditions 188 000 veterinary products were intercepted in Kenya
- Storage temperature was too high
- Consisted of Ampoules – Bimectin (treatment and control of internal and external parasites of cattle and swine), and Betroxy LA (Antibiotics for beef and swine).





# ACIM 2 – ACTION AGAINST COUNTERFEIT AND ILLICIT MEDICINES

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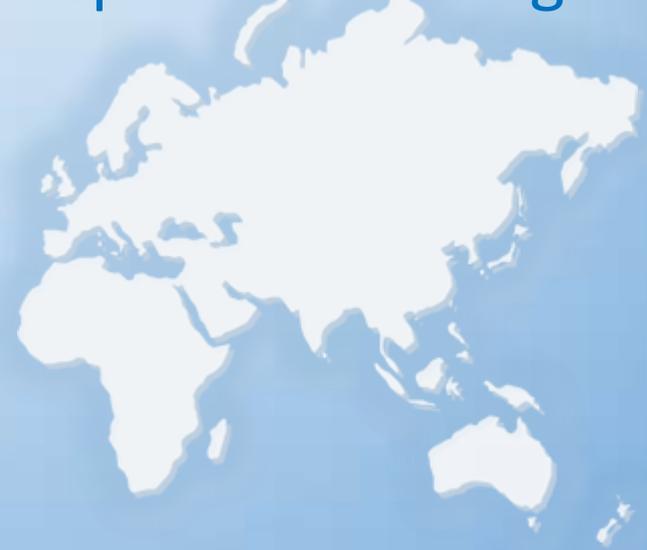
everyday consumer goods, counterfeit, pirated goods and all goods posing a threat to health and safety.

- Phase 1 – customs training – 3 day workshop in Mombasa Kenya
- Phase 2 – operational phase – 18 member administrations, 14 WCO Accredited Experts
- Phase 3 – follow up and reporting

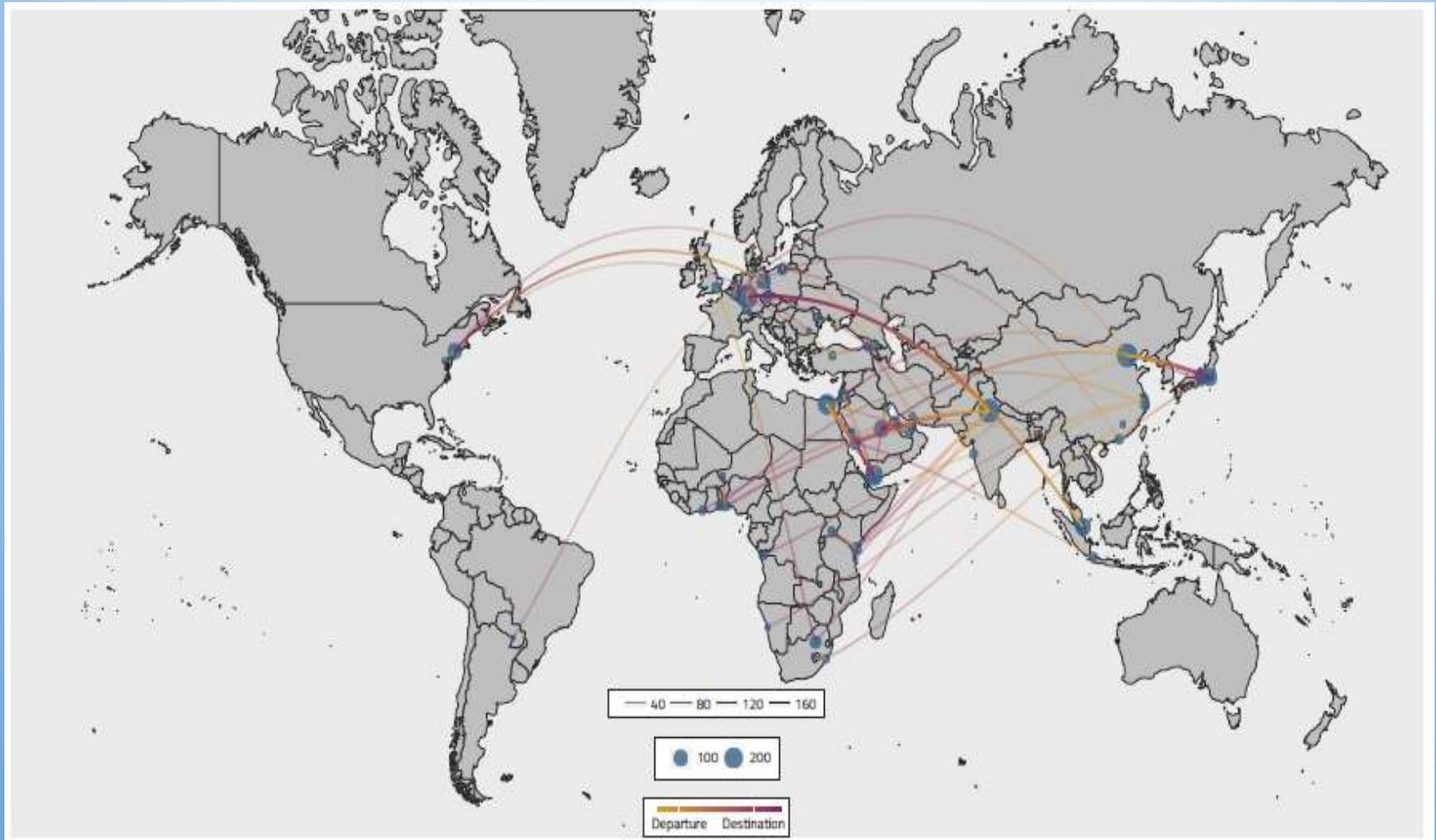


# Review of results

- Over 238 million units of medicines and pharmaceutical products were reported as being intercepted.

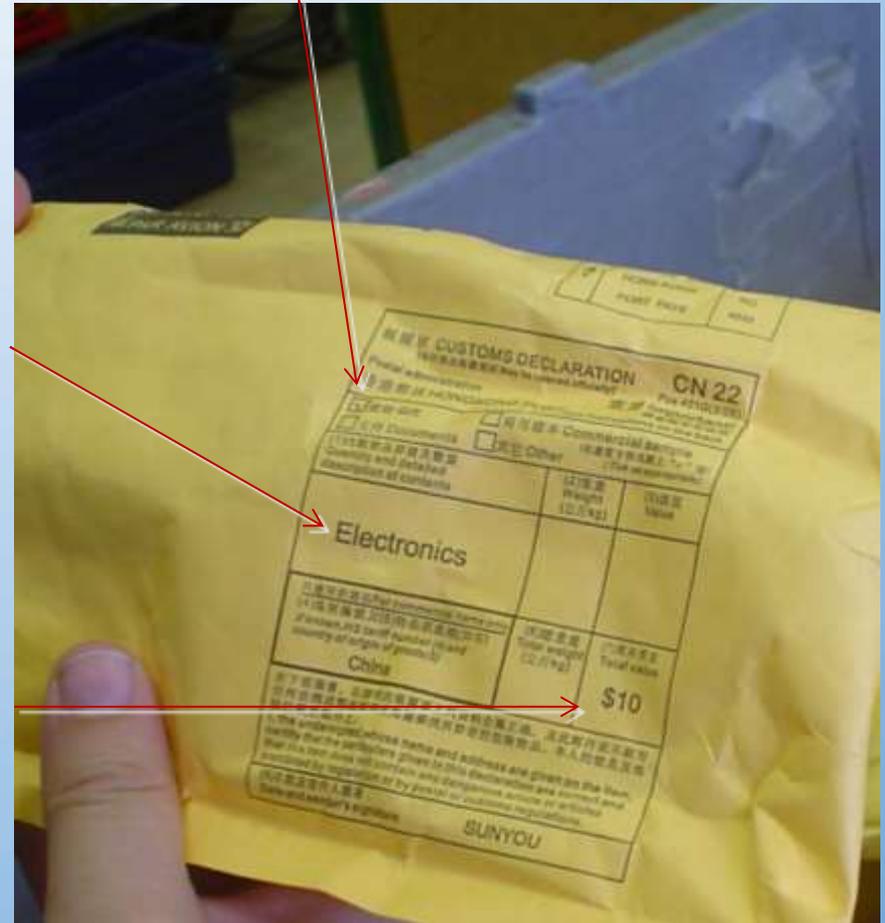


# Trade flows illicit medicinal products



# Trends, patterns and developments

- More sophisticated
- More diversified
- More complicated
- Small consignments
  - Better postal/express services
  - Cheaper and faster
- Drop shipping
- eSales solutions



- Modus operandi – concealments in containers, false description of goods, undeclared and hidden goods.
- Source countries – certain areas have become high risk for origination of goods.
- Routes – diverse routes are being used as compared to direct routes.



# Brief challenges noted during the operations

- Lack of awareness
- Political will
- Legal obstacles – loopholes in certain legislation
- Poor coordination between different agencies
- Poor feedback from alerts sent



# Outcomes from ACIM1 AND 2

- Better cooperation
- Sharing of skills and knowledge
- Better rate of detection
- New modus operandi used, source countries and routes



# Pictures of some items found during ACIM 1 and ACIM 2









Thank you to OiE for the invitation  
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