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Who we are?  

- Customs Administration of Serbia (CAS)-Ministry of Finance  
- Executive authority of the Government that enforces the customs policy of the Republic of Serbia
• Customs Headquarters
• 15 Customs Offices
• 76 Customs Posts
• 59 Customs Units
• 6 IBM Crossing Points with Kosovo*
• 74 BCPs
• 2,413 of permanently employed staff

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and
is in line with UNSCR 1244/99 and the ICJ Opinion on the
Kosovo declaration of independence
OUR MISSION

PROTECTION OF ECONOMIC, FISCAL AND FINANCIAL INTERESTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

PROTECTION OF SAFETY AND SECURITY OF CITIZENS AND ENVIRONMENT

FAST AND EFFICIENT FLOW OF GOODS AND PASSENGERS

PREVENTING AND FIGHTING VIOLATION OF LEGISLATION

International trade standards

• Security standards and facilitation of international trade
• cooperation between customs administration
  **Pillar Customs - Customs**
• cooperation between customs and the business community
  **Pillar Customs – Business community**
Cooperation with Business

- **ROUND TABLES**
  - FORUM
  - SEMINARS
  - CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- **NOTIFICATION**
  - ADVISORY OPINION
  - INSTRUCTIONS
  - INFORMATIONS

- **ORIGIN OF GOODS**
  - CUSTOMS VALUE
  - CUSTOMS TARIFF
  - TARIS
  - CUSTOMS PROCEDURES

- **RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS**
  - STANDARDIZATION
  - HARMONIZATION
  - OF PRACTICE

- **Customs Law of the RS introduces AEO status in 2010**
- **AEO holder enjoys the benefits related to customs control**
- **3 types of AEO:**
  - AEOC – simplifications prescribed by the customs regulations
  - AEOS - fulfilment of safety and security standards
  - AEO C/S- fulfilment of both previous criteria
Practice in the RS

- As of 1/09/2014, 9 certificates have been granted in the RS - 5 AEO C/S, 1 AEOC and 3 AEOS
- Control is conducted by the 3 members Commission
- Legal deadline of 120 days to decide on request

- STEPS
  - Submission of application
  - Control of application
  - Acceptance of application
  - Criteria check for issuing AEO certificate
  - Granting AEO certificate/rejection

International Cooperation

- 1979 – Agreement on administrative cooperation and mutual assistance in customs matters for the purpose of combating customs offences. (“The Official Gazette SFRY” – International treaties No.14/79)
- Exchange of information, delivery of data/documents
- 2014 - 2017 – TAIEX - EXPERT ASSISTANCE - challenges that occurred in Risk Analysis (RA) during introduction NCTS, developing PCA and RASTrategies, Modalities for the development of annual control plans, Cooperation with Internal Affairs Department
- Continuation of cooperation
**International Agreements**

- Bilateral agreements on mutual assistance with regards to customs related issues signed with 26 countries
- CEFTA, EFTA, EU, Republic of Turkey, Russian Federation, Republic of Belarus
- Cooperation with the International Agency for Atomic Energy
- Memorandum on statistical data exchange with Russia
- The Agreement on the Establishment and Functioning of the Joint Contact Center for Cooperation of Police and Customs signed with Bulgaria
- The MOU with the French Customs on cooperation in fight against frauds at the airports “Nikola Tesla” and “Roissy Charles de Gaulle”
- Systematic electronic information exchange with the countries in the region (SEED)
- 13 Memorandums of Understanding

**International Cooperation**

- World Customs Organization (WCO), RILOs
- Southeast European Law Enforcement Center – SELEC
- Cooperation with OLAF, EUROPOL, INTERPOL
- ZKA (Balkan Info I, II)
- Participation in SEED Project – Systematic Electronic Information Exchange with the countries in the region
IBM

Ministry of Interior (Border Police),
Ministry of Finance (Customs Administration)
Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management
(Veterinary and Phytosanitary Inspections)

- IBM - Strategy
- IBM Twinning Project

Economic Development - AEI (Federal Ministry of Finance in Vienna) in partnership with the Hungarian National Police (Ministry of the Justice and Law Enforcement in Budapest) and in cooperation with the Austrian Ministry of the Interior, the Austrian Ministry of Agriculture and the International Centre for Migration Policy Development

ANTICORRUPTION ACTIVITIES

Integrity Plan - Internal anti-corruption Act includes set of legal and practical measures, which prevent and eliminate opportunities for the emergence and development of different forms of corrupt behavior.


The Strategy clearly reflects Government’s priorities in the fight against organized crime and corruption.

The Government has zero tolerance towards corruption and the Customs Administration shares the same position and determination in the fight against organized crime and corruption, which is implemented through the work of the Internal Affairs Department.

WCO Pilot project "Strengthening Integrity and fight against corruption", under which the Action Plan was adopted, IAD made a Questionnaire for the strategic assessment of corruption risk.

Preventive anti-corruption activities
International cooperation, cross-border operations and cooperation between state bodies

Internal Affairs Department launched number of cases to address organized crime and corruption in cooperation with Criminal Police and the Ministry of Interior’s Internal Affairs Sector as well as with border services of neighboring countries, which in 2015 yielded very good results:

- **BCP Bački Breg** – 29 police officers, 9 customs officers and 1 citizen were arrested for giving and receiving bribe;
- **BCPs Horgoš and Kelebija** – smuggling of televisions and other technical goods worth EUR 2,800,000

**Measures and activities to combat illegal traffic**

- Regular checks of passengers, goods and vehicles,
  - Risk analysis
  - Inspection of factory cavities (scanners, fiber optics....)
- Intelligence work
- Development of modalities (route / types of smuggling products)
- Control within the customs territory
- Participation in international operations
- International exchange of information

Serbian Customs Administration
www.carina.rs
Activities within the whole customs territory of the Republic of Serbia

Prevention of smuggling of goods in the customs territory of the Republic of Serbia

100 officers trained to work on anti-smuggling

8 Mobile teams

MATERIAL RESOURCES

- 10 mobile scanners
- 2 mobile luggage scanners
- 2 stationary luggage scanners
- 1 stationary scanner for cargo shipments
MATERIAL RESOURCES

- 3 Speedboats
- 1 Interceptor boat
- Ris system

RESULTS -2016

SUVI DOL – October 2016.
3.125,000 pieces-cigarettes.
Found in the cargo of the vehicle
ACTION AVALA 2016

- LT license plates
- goods: rubber granulate
- Route: Greece-Slovenia

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BCP Batrovci
April 2016

63.260 kg of
Marijuana.
hidden in furniture
(sofa and armchair) in cargo of the
vehicle

BCP Gradina -April of 2016

120 000 EUR The money was found in a coffee thermos after a detailed customs control
### RESULTS -2016

**BCP Batrovci December of 2016**

127 species of *Alauda arvensis*
1 specie of *Carduelis chloris*
1 specie of *Sturnus Vulgaris*

129 of dead birds protected by the CITES Convention, found in vehicle trunk. The birds were hidden in two boxes of styrofoam that contained six plastic bags.

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### SEIZED GOODS

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<th>Product</th>
<th>2014</th>
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<th>2016* For first 3 quarters</th>
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<td>Number of discovered offences</td>
<td>7,330</td>
<td>4,988</td>
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<td>Appraised value of goods</td>
<td>20,921,292.93 EUR</td>
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<td>Foreign currency violations</td>
<td>2,730,694 EUR</td>
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<td>Narcotics</td>
<td>1,262 kg</td>
<td>84.66 kg</td>
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<td>Ciggarrets</td>
<td>6.98 million pieces</td>
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<td>Shared tobacco</td>
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<td>Illegal border crossing attempts</td>
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