



**World Customs  
Organization**



## **Operation DEMETER series**

**Workshop on strengthening the effective implementation  
and enforcement of the Montreal Protocol**

*Session III: Implementation and enforcement of the Montreal Protocol*

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# Customs Enforcement Operations



- Customs enforcement operations are a means of enhancing the efficiency of Customs enforcement.
- Customs operations usually involve risk analysis, targeting, detaining, and controlling suspicious consignments and traders, data and intelligence sharing as well as inter-agency cooperation, and bilateral or multilateral Customs cooperation.

# WCO Operations



- The WCO is the only international organization with competence in Customs matters, representing 185 Customs administrations across the globe that collectively process approximately 98% of world trade.
- By developing and coordinating an enforcement operation, the WCO ensures a unique approach – leveraging the knowledge of officers from its worldwide membership and partnerships with other international organizations, supported by standardized WCO instruments and tools.



## Operation DEMETER series:

- Launched in 2009
- Focusing on waste
- Since 2019 focusing also on substances controlled by the Montreal Protocol.

# WCO OPERATION DEMETER SERIES



*Seizure of Argentina Customs*



*Seizure of Bulgaria Customs*



*Seizure of Poland Customs*



*Seizure of Mexico Customs*

# WCO OPERATION DEMETER VIII (2022)



- **Participated by 90 WCO Member Customs Administrations**
- **Supported by:**
  - Basel Convention Secretariat
  - UNEP OzonAction
  - China Customs
  - RILO\* for Asia-Pacific
  - RILO for Western Europe
  - European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)
  - UNODC Unwaste Project
  - WCO-UNODC Container Control Programme
  - INTERPOL
  - Europol
  - European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL)
  - WCO RILO network

- *WCO Regional Intelligence Liaison Office*

# THANK YOU!

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