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Enforcement efforts of Türkiye, as the transit country, to prevent and intercept illegal shipments

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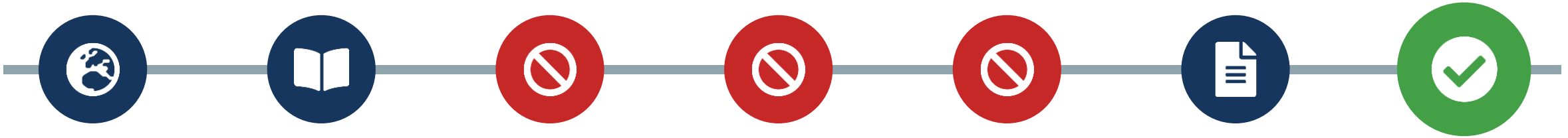
OUTLINE

1. Country Profile
2. Regulatory Framework
3. Licensing, Quota and Reporting
4. Custom Cooperation
5. Training and Capacity building



Country Profile: HCFCs

30+ years of closing doors to ozone-depleting substances



1991	2008	2010	2013	2015	2017	2025
Party to the Vienna Convention and Montreal Protocol	ODS Regulation published	Import ban on HCFC products and equipment	Import ban on bulk HCFC-141b, HCFC-142b, HCFC-22	Ban on HCFC-22 in RAC equipment production	New ODS Regulation published	**ODS use prohibited: HCFC phase-out completed**

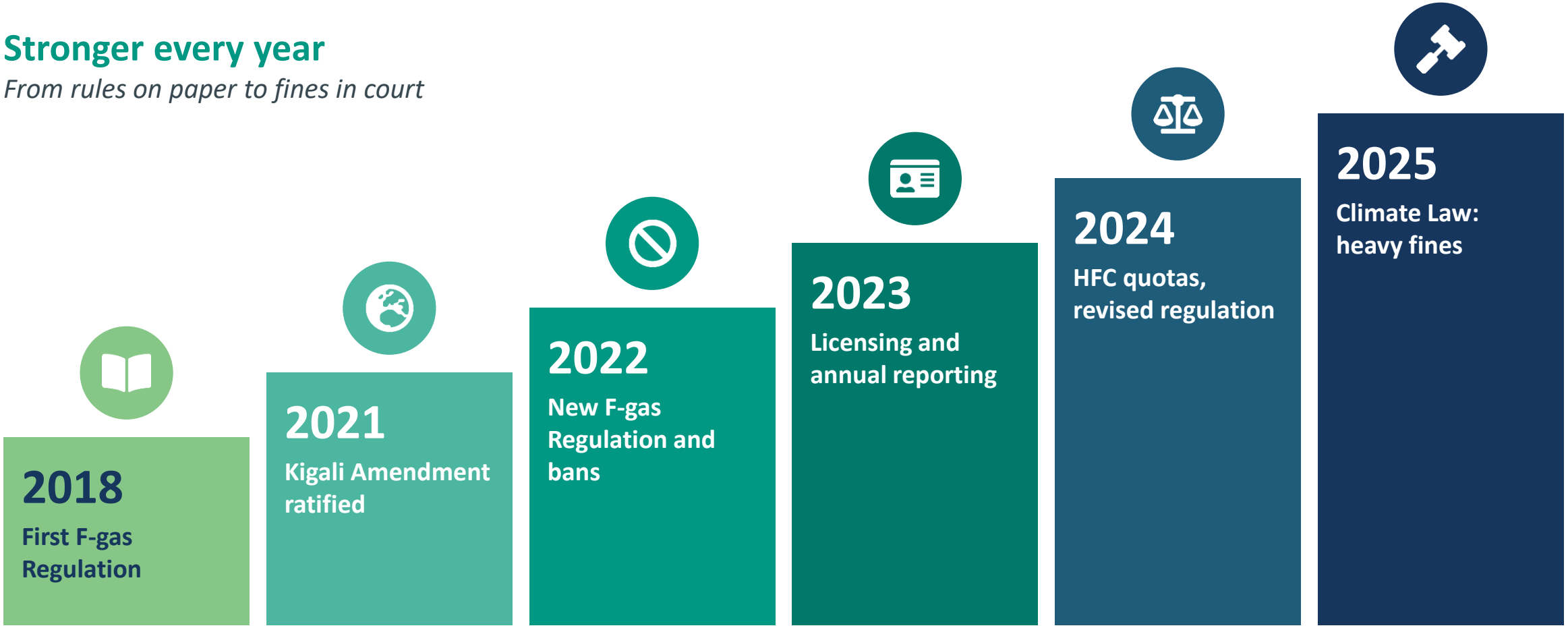
The same tools — bans, licences, customs checks — now guard the HFC phase-down

Country Profile: HFCs

Each step added a new barrier against illegal HFCs

Stronger every year

From rules on paper to fines in court



Legal Background

A clear legal chain — from the law to the border check

LAW
Climate Law (2025)

REGULATIONS
ODS Regulation (2017) • F-gas Regulation (2022, updated 2024)

COMMUNIQUÉS
F-gas certification (2020) • HFC trade rules (Ministry of Trade)

CIRCULARS
ODS import and use (2016) • Halon (2017) • F-gas management (2023)

Key for fighting illegal trade

Climate Law
heavy fines

F-gas Regulation
quota, licence, bans, labels

Trade communiqués
customs controls

F-gas Circular
field enforcement

Rules: Ministry of Environment
Border: Customs, Ministry of Trade

National F-Gas Regulation

Our F-gas Regulation has eight pillars. Three of them hit illegal trade directly.

Certification | Leak checks | Placing on the market | Annual reporting | Rules & principles



Quota & Licensing

STOPS

imports without quota, and shipments without a certificate



Labelling

STOPS

hidden, mislabelled or misdeclared gas



Bans

STOPS

disposable cylinders and banned products

No Quota, No Licence, No Entry

Every HFC shipment must pass three checks before it reaches the market



Missing one key? The shipment stops.

Bans and Labels

01 Non-refillable cylinders

for F-gases

Import and placing on the market are **prohibited.***

No export control certificate is issued for shipments to countries that prohibit their import.

*Specific market-use restrictions apply. Imports for laboratory and essential uses require authorization.



Non-refillable

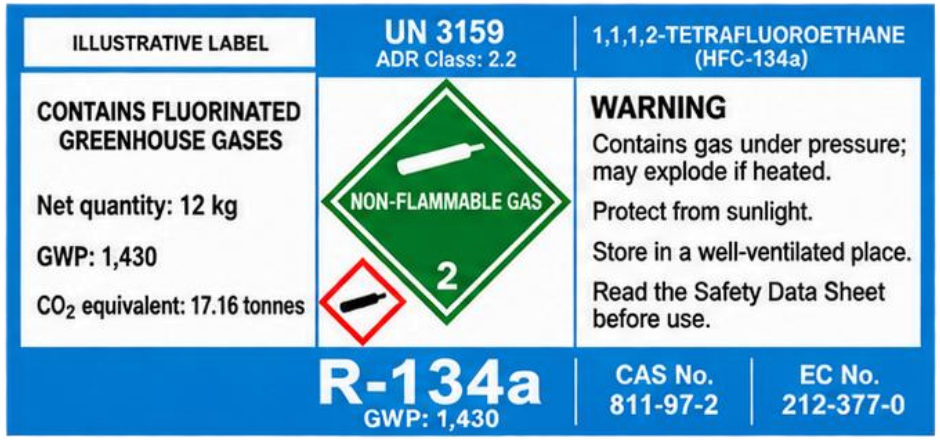


Refillable

02 Correct labelling is mandatory

F-gas containers, products and equipment must carry the required labels.

Non-compliant items cannot be placed on the market.

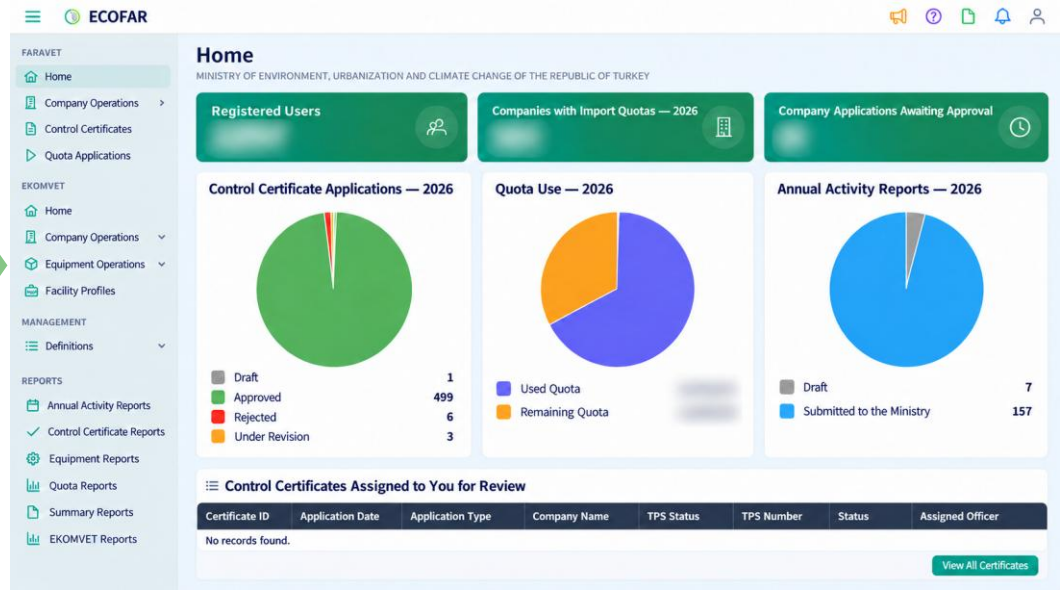


FARAVET: Online System

One system sees every quota, licence and report — and spots the gaps

COMPANIES SUBMIT

- **Quota applications**
- **Licence applications**
- **Annual activity reports**



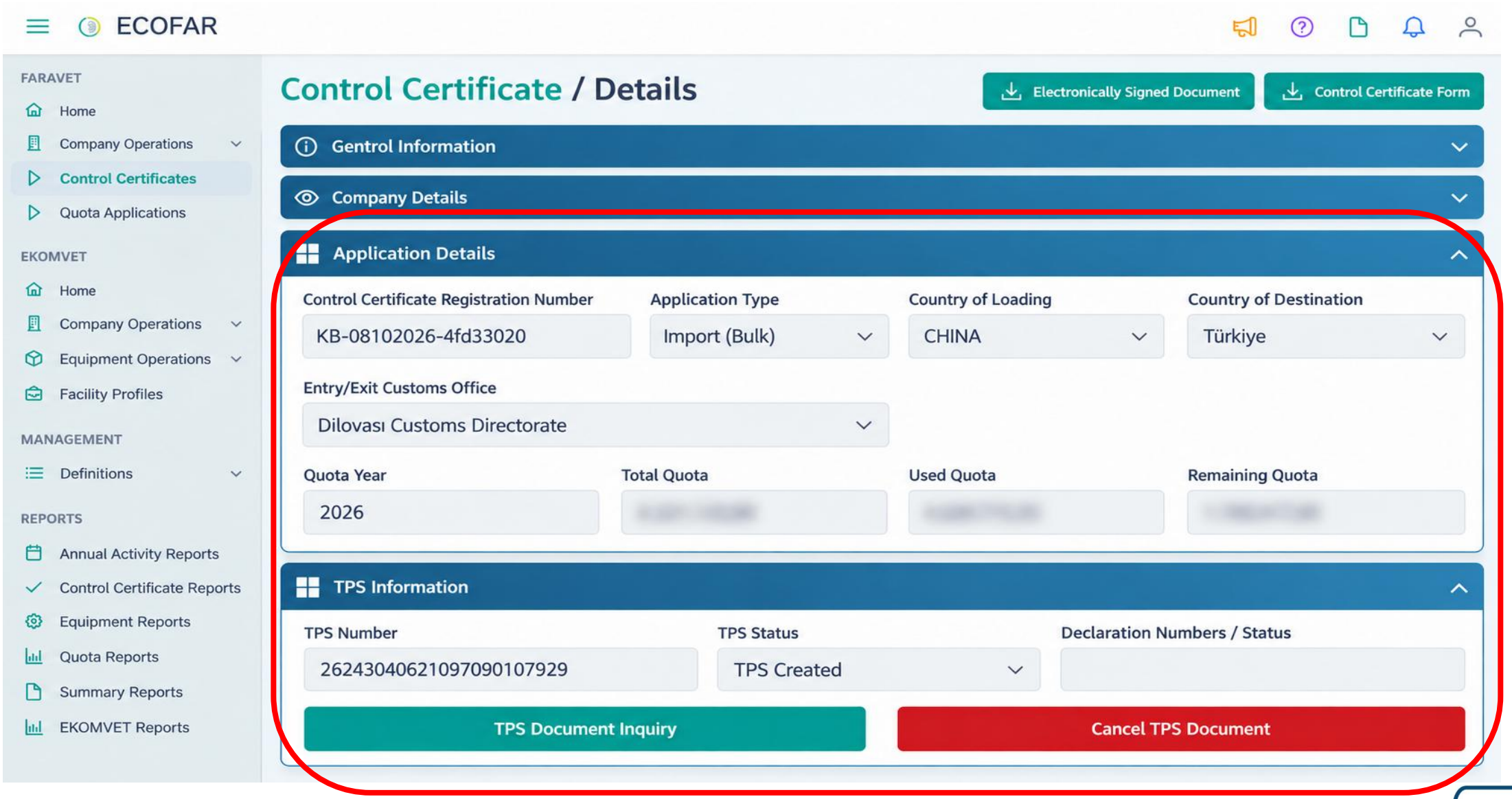
WE CHECK AND ACT

- **Quota check: total, used, remaining**
- **Cross-check with Ministry of Trade data**
- **Red flag to customs via Single Window**

FARAVET

Numbers that do not match = a shipment worth checking

Licencing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Company Operations
Control Certificates
Quota Applications
EKOMVET
Home
Company Operations
Equipment Operations
Facility Profiles
MANAGEMENT
Definitions
REPORTS
Annual Activity Reports
Control Certificate Reports
Equipment Reports
Quota Reports
Summary Reports
EKOMVET Reports
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Gentrol Information
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CHINA
Country of Destination
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Support to Customs

Smugglers look for the weakest entry point. We cut the number of entry points.



HFC imports enter only through these six offices

- Technical advice
- Joint inspections
- Import, export, transit

6
specialised customs offices for HFC imports

81
provincial directorates ready to support customs

Risk-based
transit control under the Customs Union

Training and Capacity Building

An officer who knows what to look for is our best detector





Every year
Customs officers trained on F-gas rules and red flags

Real cases
Documents, labels and seizures from the field

Quick guides
Brochures and posters at the border

Provincial staff
Trained to support customs in all 81 provinces

Strengthening Customs Laboratories

Refrigerant identifiers

supplied to customs laboratories

Hands-on training

given on delivery

Fast answers

is the gas the same as the label?



Three Checks, One Goal

1 PAPER

Quota, licence, invoice, SDS and label photo — checked before the gas moves

2 DATA

FARAVET reports matched with trade data; red flags sent to customs

3 GAS

Refrigerant identifiers test what is really inside the cylinder

Lessons we are happy to share

- ✓ **Link every licence to the customs Single Window**
- ✓ **Limit HFC imports to a few specialised customs offices**
- ✓ **Train customs officers every year, with real cases**
- ✓ **Share information fast with neighbours and partners**

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