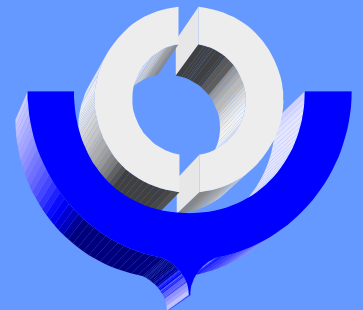


# Screening - An Obstacle to Trade?

Export Controls  
The Role of Customs



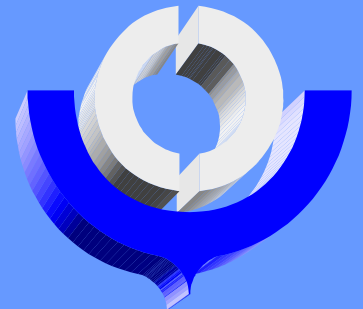
# WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANISATION

(WCO)

Established in 1952 as the CCC  
Intergovernmental Organisation


161 Members

Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium



# INTERNATIONAL TRADE

## The Traditional Role of Customs

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- To protect the revenue
  - To protect society - prohibitions and restrictions
  - To identify and interdict illegitimate trade
  - Trade statistics

# INTERNATIONAL TRADE

## The Traditional Role of Customs

- directed at imports
- 100% examination



# Customs and International Trade



- More international traffic
  - 1996 151 million container movements
  - 2000 225 million container movements
- Business expects faster clearance times
  - Facilitation of legitimate trade
- Customs resources have not increased

# Customs - the Way Forward

- Reduction in examination levels
- Risk Assessment
- Selection
- Risk Management
- Intelligence
- Exchange of information



# CUSTOMS' ADVANTAGES

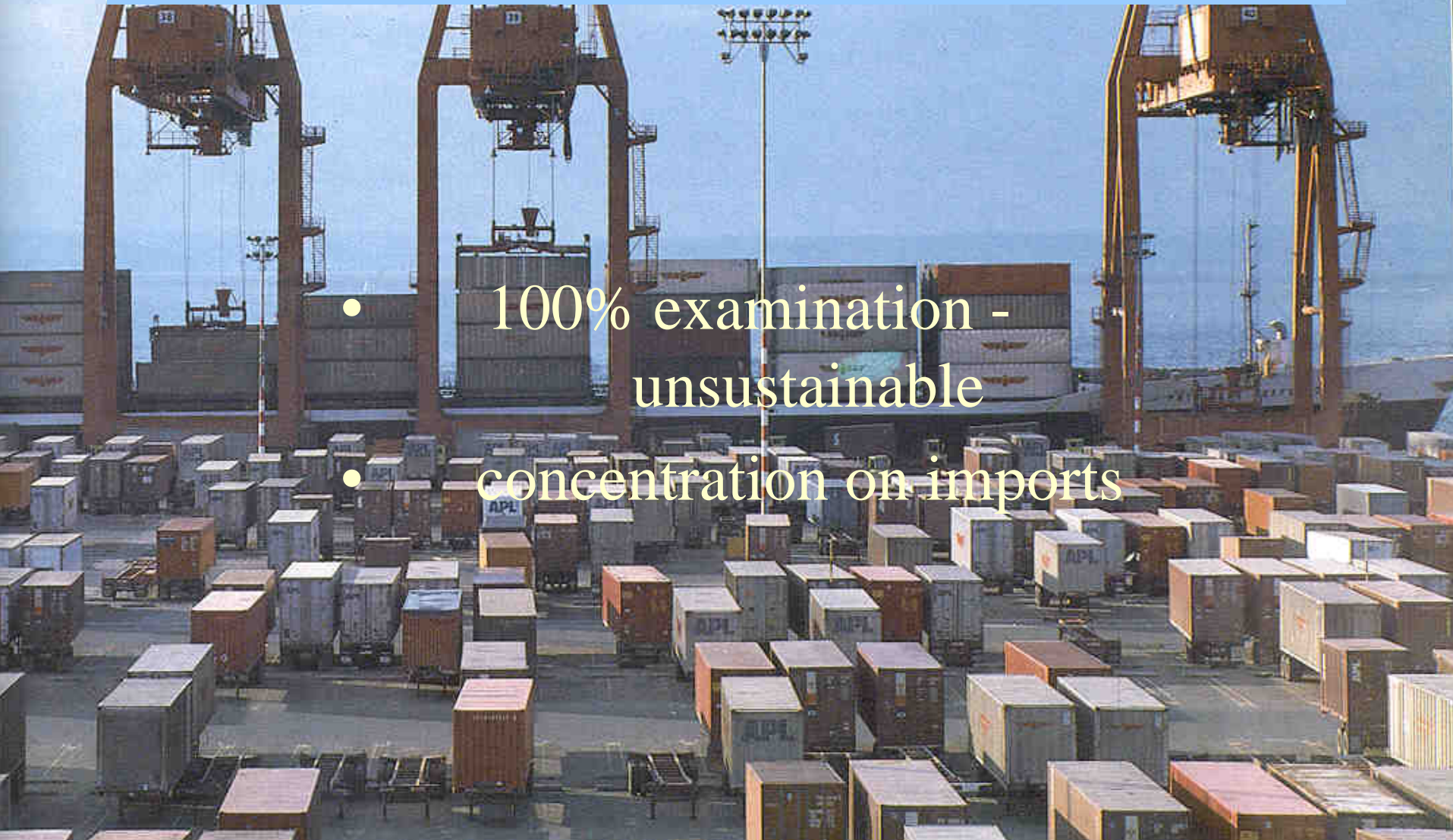
- Law enforcement agency
- Special knowledge on goods, economic operators, routes of transport
- Presence at Borders



# INTERNATIONAL TRADE

## The Traditional Role of Customs

- 100% examination - unsustainable
- concentration on imports



# Customs and Security

- US Container Security Initiative (CSI)
- WCO Resolution



# Customs and Security

- WCO Task Force
- 27 essential data elements
- available to Customs before loading





# Increased concentration on exports

- Facilitate legitimate trade
- Identify illegitimate trade
- Risk assessment / selectivity

# Customs Controls - Risk Areas

- Customs Duty

risk is at import

- Excise - transit

risk is at export

VAT

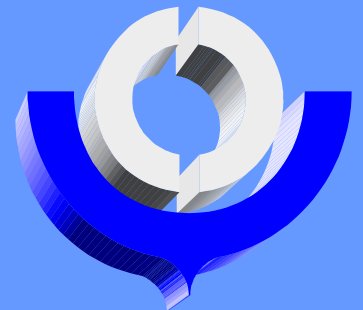
risk is at export

- Prohibitions and Restrictions

- risk is at import and export

# Integrity - WCO Initiatives

- Arusha Declaration
- Model Code of Conduct
- Self Assessment Guide



# Summary

- 100% examination of consignments
  - is an unnecessary hindrance to legitimate trade
  - does not identify significant irregularities
  - should be replaced by risk assessment
- Control of exports
  - is essential to protect the revenue and society
  - if implemented through risk assessment will not hinder legitimate trade