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Conference on Food Fraud – A joint effort to ensure the safety and integrity of our food

Case study import illegal pesticides:
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Product Safety Authority

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The Challenge...

- How do we move this oil rig to the other end of the World?

What do you need?

- Carrier
- Tow vessel
- Sail plan
- Time of year (hurricane season)





Imports of products from all over to Rotterdam...

- Approx. 2200 to 5000 containers per year
 - 2 oil rigs in weight...
- Who?
- Why?
- Which markets?

		2009	2008	2007
1	Rotterdam	9.743	10.784	10.791
2	Antwerpen	7.310	8.663	8.176
3	Hamburg	7.008	9.737	9.890
4	Bremen	4.579	5.448	4.892

Eenheid: aantal x 1.000 TEU (Twenty Feet Equivalent Unit)



Case study

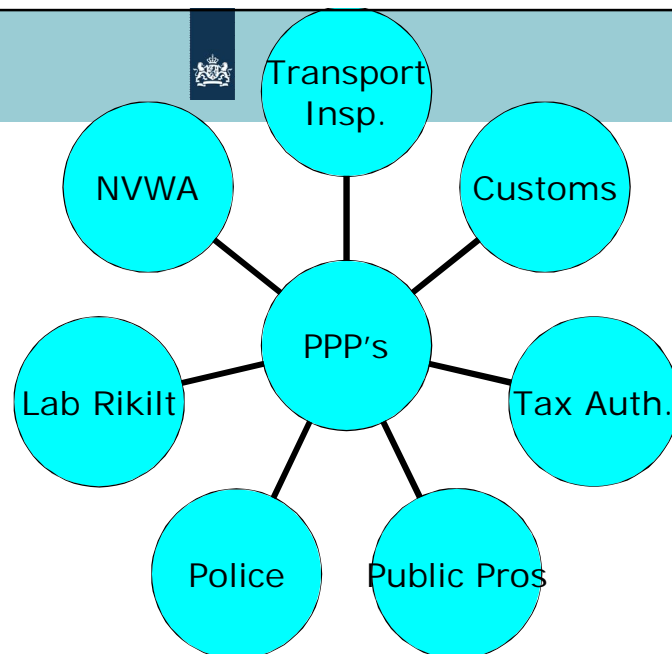


- Import of counterfeit pesticides (acetamiprid)
- China->NL->Russia (fertilizer on paper)
- NL->Lithuania (transit)
- Lithuania->Russia (now 'broomsticks')
- Lithuania: change of warehouse and new export docs
- Papertrail: PPP to Russia, actually they went to Poland and Estonia as broomsticks

Process partners

- **Import**
- **Dangerous goods**
- **Fake brands**
- Storage
- International aspects
- **Laboratory**
- **Legal issues**
- **Capacity**

Key Partners



Preconditions..



- Sense of urgency and opportunities
- Need of (inter)national network
- Import vs transit: take responsibility for own residents and others (points of entry)

During start up,



first results/insights..

- PPP Fraud
 - Success factor for fraudsters are barriers EU MS
 - Impaired Communication (network and language barrier)
 - Legal Issues to exchange information/cooperation
- Waterbed effect
 - Port shopping / hopping
 - Lowest chance to get caught/fines
- Network (Join)
 - (non) OECD, Europol, Interpol, OLAF, personal network

Legal 'Red tape'



- Exchange of information:
 - Security of personal data e.g. by covenant Customs
 - Civil law vs Criminal law
- Definitions
 - Parallel trade
 - Transit
 - PPP's
- Other regulations:
 - Dangerous goods vs PPP transport regulation

To conclude...



- Awareness & initiative
- Get to know each other
- Start small
- Network
- The procedures (informal preceeds formal)
- Look for the common thread (share knowledge and cause to make $1+1=3$)
- Be aware of "waterbed" **effect**

