



# Workshop on the Implementation of Stockholm Convention and Synergies with other Chemical related MEAs

## UNEP's GREEN CUSTOMS INITIATIVE

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# What do we mean by Green Customs?

The focus of the “Green Customs Initiative” or “integrated training strategy” is to promote greater awareness among Customs officers on enforcement and compliance with the Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs).



# Global MEAs with Trade Provisions

- **Basel Convention on the Trans-boundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal.**
- **Convention on International Trade in Endangered species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES).**
- **Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.**
- **Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent (PIC) Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals in International Trade.**
- **Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants.**



# Global MEAs with Trade Provisions

- **BASEL, CITES and MONTREAL PROTOCOL** have instituted training programmes for customs officials, in cooperation with the WCO, at both national and regional levels.
- **ROTTERDAM and STOCKHOLM - Customs officer training** to be an important element of the national implementation.



# Global MEAs with Trade Provisions

- **Common denominator in all the above mentioned MEAs is the important role of customs officers**

⌘ **Why is this so?**



# Global MEAs with Trade Provisions

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Illegal international trade in commodities such as ozone depleting substances, toxic chemicals, hazardous wastes and endangered species can seriously undermine the effectiveness of MEAs.



# Global MEAs with Trade Provisions

Therefore,

- Training is a key component of capacity building, but can be time consuming and expensive.
- The purpose of the **Green Customs Initiative** is to build the capacity of customs officials on several MEAs at the same time.



# *Why an Integrated Approach?*

- 1) Coordinated implementation of MEAs stressed in:
  - Agenda 21,
  - UN Secretary General's report,
  - UNEP's Governing Council (Decision 21/27, 20/18 and SSVII/1),
  - WSSD, 2002.
- 2) Training of Customs Officers essential for Basel, CITES, Rotterdam, Stockholm Conventions, Montreal Protocol
- 3) Specific need for harmonization of customs training expressed by national authorities where these Secretariats have held training.



# *Advantages of an Integrated Approach*

## **For the Client Countries:**

- Coordinated capacity building of national Customs Officers
- Most efficient use of national human and financial resources
- Deterrence of environmental crime
- Assistance with national compliance under MEAs.



# *Advantages of an Integrated Approach*

## **For the MEAs Secretariats:**

- Cost effective use of limited financial and human resources;
- Sharing of training infrastructure developed by the Secretariats;
- Improved, effective and sustained compliance with the Conventions.



# *Advantages of an Integrated Approach*

## For the Global Environment

- “Greening” the Customs Services
- Decrease in environmental crime
- Better and cleaner environment



# *Partners in the Initiative*

## ➤ Partners in the project:

- UNEP DTIE
- Interpol (international criminal police organization),
- The World Customs Organization (WCO)
- International NGOs
- MEA Secretariats:
  - Basel
  - CITES
  - Montreal Protocol



# *Progress in the Initiative*

- **Consolidate the mainstreaming of the integrated approach within the ongoing activities of WCO.**
- **Finalised MOU between UNEP (ED) and WCO (SG):**
  - ⌘ **Mutual consent**
  - ⌘ **Exchange of Information**
  - ⌘ **Reciprocal representation**
  - ⌘ **Technical cooperation**
- **Draft Green Customs Manual**
- **Funding - GEF/Bilateral proposal**



# *Progress in the Initiative*

- Launch "Green Customs" web site, visit: <http://www.unepie.org/ozonaction/customs/>
- Improve information exchange, guidance (such as codes of best practice) and training amongst the partner organizations involved.
- Interested organizations and customs officers can get information such as lists of upcoming training, environmental trainers, and training presentations.



# *Progress in the Initiative*

Recently, a meeting of partners of Green Customs Initiative took place on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2005 in Paris.

- Basel,
- Stockholm,
- Rotterdam,
- Montreal
- CITES
- INTERPOL,
- OPCW, Organization for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
- OECD,
- INECE, International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement
- France, Sweden, Norway, USA
- UNEP DEPI and DTIE



# *Planned Activities*

- MOUs with other Agencies (e.g. Interpol)
- Full-time Facilitator
- Funding - GEF/Bilateral proposal
- Series of specialized regional workshops are planned to be held during 2005 in the all regions and in cooperation with DEPI

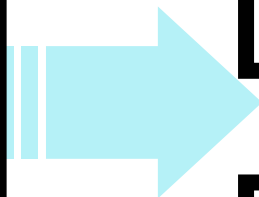


# Examples UNEP' Tools of Screening ODS addressed to Customs Officers

# *Compliance Assistance Programme (CAP) under OzonAction Programme - UNEP*

## **Clearinghouse Information Activities**

- **Guidelines**
- **Handbooks**
- **Reports**
- **Videos**
- **posters**



**Publications/Materials  
addressing Policy  
Makers**

**Publications/Materials  
addressing  
Implementing  
Authorities**



# Examples of publications addressing Customs

## Training Manual for Customs Officers

(English- French- Spanish- Arabic)



**Customs Poster Against CFC Smuggling**



**Nothing to Declare**

Video





# *What does the Customs Quick Tool contain?(1)*

## **1. List of Most Common ODS & Alternatives**

- **Chemical Name**
- **Chemical Formula**
- **ASHRAE Classification**
- **CAS Number**
- **UN Number**
- **Harmonized System Code (HS)**



## *What does the Customs Quick Tool contain? (2)*

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**2. List of ODS Producing Countries**

**3. List of Equipment and Products contain ODS**

**4. Most Common Trade Names of Refrigerants**

**5. Chemicals Danger Symbols**





# *Customs Quick Tool for Screening ODS*

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## **However...**

- **It does not contain all ODS or alternatives**

## **AND**

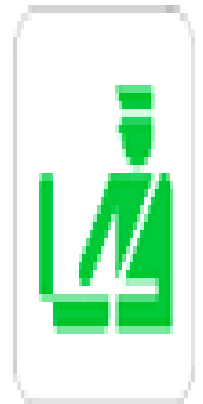
- **There was a need for an electronic tool with easy search engine**



*NOW Available...*

# Trade Names of Chemicals

containing **ozone depleting substances** and their **alternatives**



## How to reach there...?

# Trade Names of Chemicals

containing **ozone depleting substances** and their **alternatives**



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### What's New

Visual inventory of awareness materials

Trade Names of Chemicals Containing ODS and their Alternatives

Survey of ODS destruction facilities

### Quick Poll

Do your children know of the dangers of excessive exposure to the sun? Vote...

### Latest Ozone Map

View more ODS - Ozone Hole 2005, 2004, 2003