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# Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in times of COVID-19

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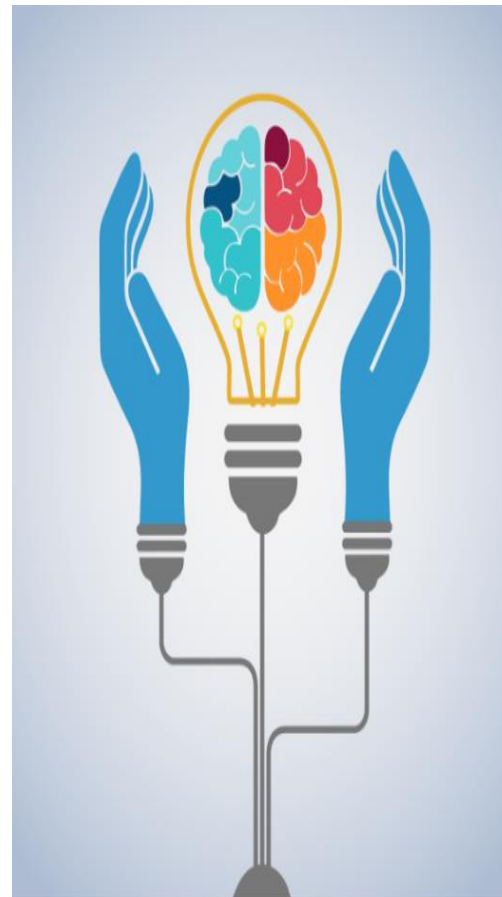
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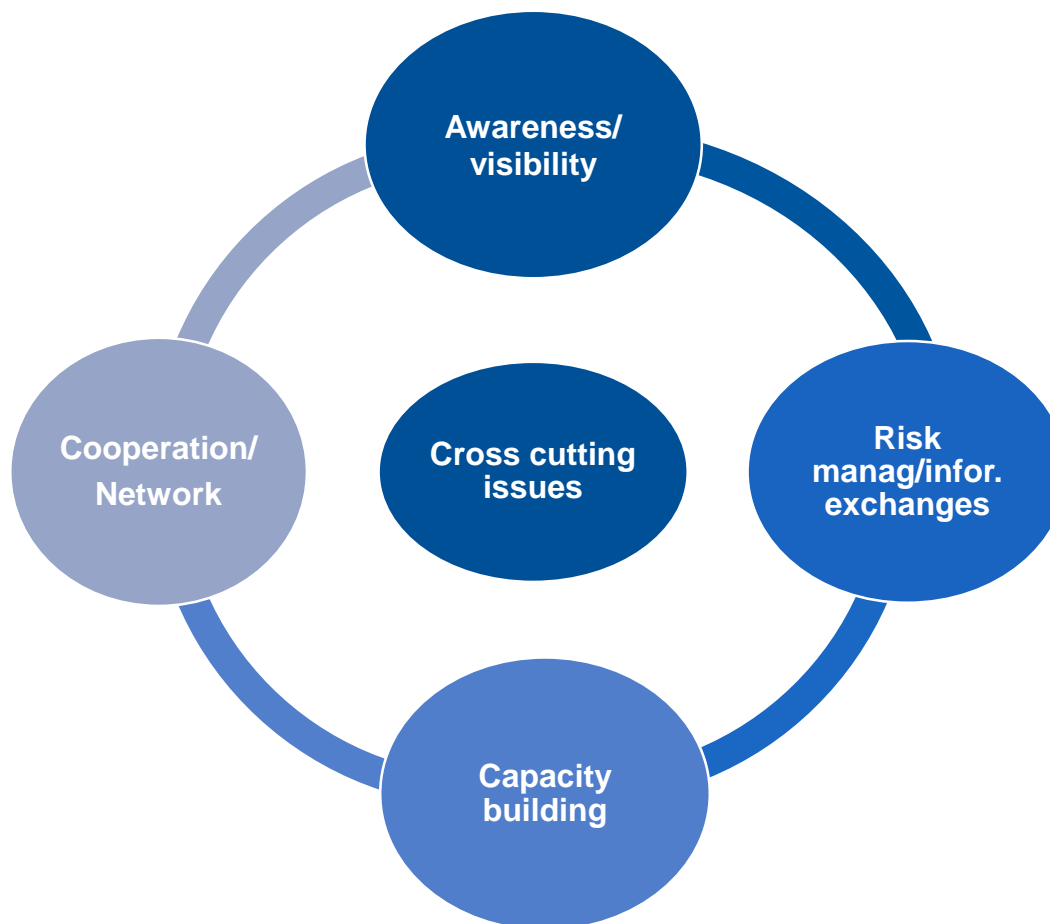




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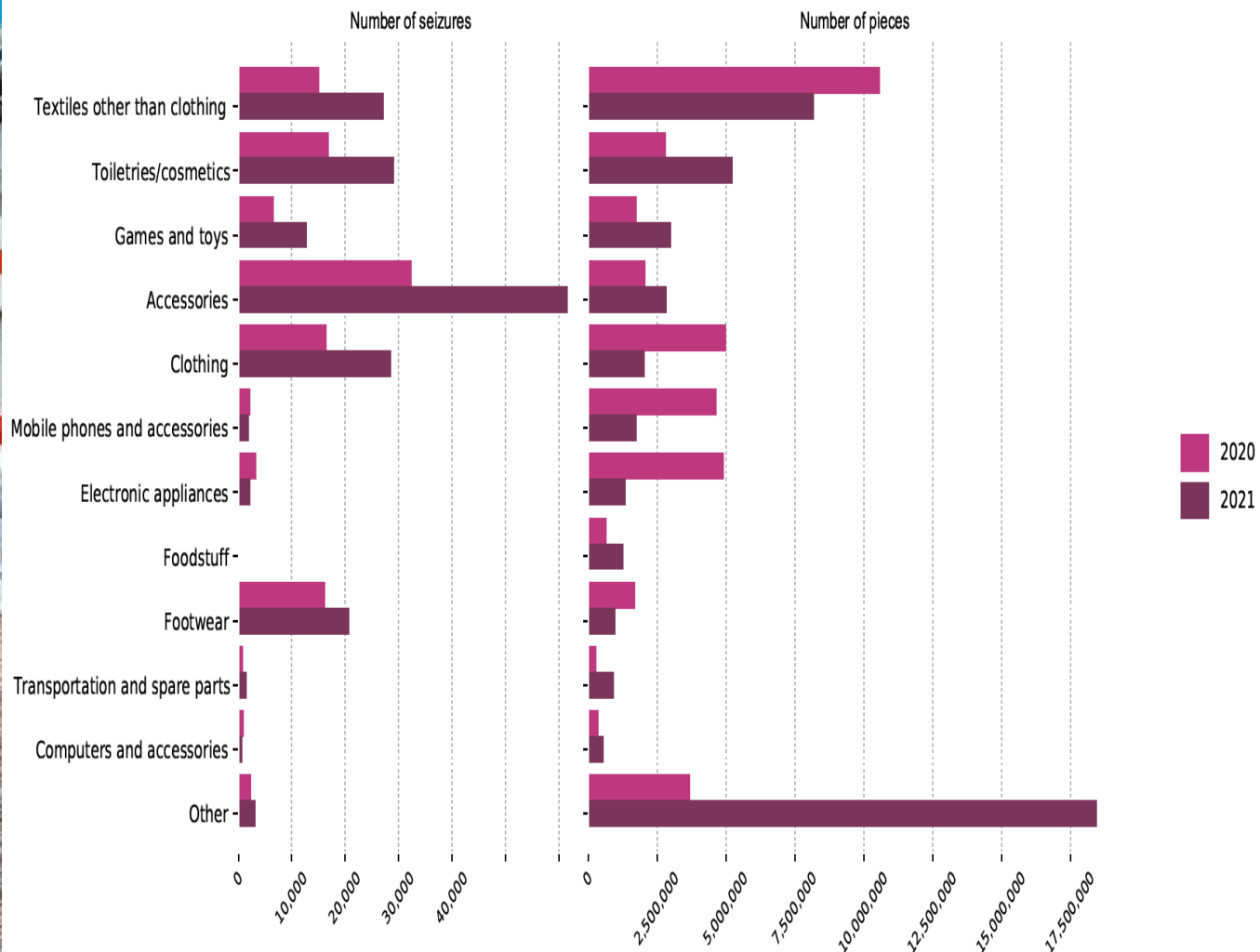


# WCO IPR Strategy 2020





# IPR infringements landscape (2020-2021)



# Outbreak of COVID-19



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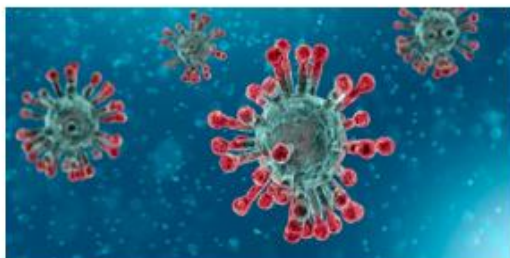
## COVID-19 - WCO response

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## COVID-19 - WCO updates



On 30 January 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared that the outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) constituted a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). On 11 March 2020 the WHO characterized the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) as a pandemic.

Facing this global challenge, it is expected that the movement of relief goods (supplies, medicines and medical equipment) across borders will increase dramatically in the coming weeks. Moreover, as the WHO notes in its 29 February 2020 *Updated WHO recommendations for international traffic in relation to COVID-19 outbreak*, "... restrictions may interrupt needed aid and technical support, may disrupt businesses, and may have negative social and economic effects on the affected countries." It is critical that Customs administrations continue to facilitate, not only relief goods, but goods in general, to help minimize the overall impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on our economies and societies. Customs administrations are strongly urged to establish a coordinated and proactive approach with all concerned agencies to ensure the integrity and continued facilitation of the global supply chain.

This section of the WCO web-site is designed to compile information about the instruments, tools, initiatives and databases that can be utilized in the efforts to address the various COVID-19-related challenges faced by our Members and their stakeholders worldwide.



# Launch of the IPR CENcomm ...



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CUG Configuration



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## IPR CENcomm Group

Channel for exchanging information on infringements of intellectual property rights (IPR).

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### Statistics

620 users

1 users online

180 countries participating

1021 days until end of the operation

0 COVID-19 Pre-arrival Information shared

32 Seizure (CEN/nCEN) shared

0 Feedback shared

1 Warning shared

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Who's online?



# OPERATION STOP I...



World Customs Organization  
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## Operation STOP

The WCO's response to illegal  
Trafficking linked to the  
COVID-19 Pandemic

11 May to 12 July 2020



Customs response to illicit trafficking

99 Customs administrations

International organizations

Private sector

# OPERATION STOP I...



## Operation STOP (COVID-19 linked)



1,683 seizures by 51 Members



307 million illicit drugs seized



47 million medical supplies



2.7 m litres of sanitizer



Niger



Qatar



Norway



Czech. Rep.



United Kingdom



# Interesting cases..

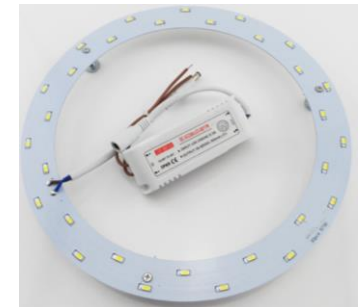


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XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	LEIXOES, PORTUGAL	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
PARTICULARS FURNISHED BY THE SHIPPER - NOT CHECKED BY CARRIER - CARRIER NOT RESPONSIBLE (see Clause 14)				
Container Numbers, Seal Numbers and Marks	Description of Packages and Goods (Continued on attached Bill of Lading Rider pages(s), if applicable)		Gross Cargo Weight	Measurement
CXDU2006694 40' HIGH CUBE	910 Carton(s) of LED LAMP		8,670 kgs.	64,000 cu. m.
Seal Number:				
FJ09223784				
Tare Weight: 3,900 kgs.				
Marks and Numbers: N/M				



GREENLUX TRADING COMPANY LIMITED				
UNIT 04.7/F BRIGHT WAY TOWER NO 33 MONGKOK RD KL HONGKONG				
COMMERCIAL INVOICE				
RUAN & RUAN LDA VAT NO-PT510821081 Address: RUA A LOTE 7 4480-819 VILA DO CONDE PORTUGAL TEL: +00351965151569 ATTN: MY RUAN CONTAINER CXDU2006694		Invoice No: SN200505 shipment terms: CIF LEIXOES Date: 05-03-2020 Transport mode: SHIPPING CTNS: 910 CNTS Weight: 8670 KGS		
Full Description of Goods	Quantity	Unit Value (USD)	Total Value for Customs	
12260 LED PANEL LIGHT ROUND NICKEL 12W 4000K	200	\$2.00	\$400.00	
14615 LED PANEL LIGHT SQUARE 24W 4000K	120	\$3.50	\$420.00	
14592 LED PANEL LIGHT ROUND 24W 6000K	60	\$3.50	\$210.00	
12031 LED PANEL LIGHT ROUND NICKEL 5W 6000K	1300	\$1.20	\$1,560.00	
12079 LED PANEL LIGHT SQUARE NICKEL 5W 6000K	100	\$1.20	\$120.00	
12109 LED PANEL LIGHT ROUND NICKEL 6W 4000K	2400	\$1.40	\$3,360.00	
12116 LED PANEL LIGHT ROUND NICKEL 6W 6000K	1200	\$1.40	\$1,680.00	
12185 LED PANEL LIGHT ROUND NICKEL 9W 4000K	800	\$1.60	\$1,280.00	
12154 LED PANEL LIGHT SQUARE NICKEL 6W 6000K	320	\$1.40	\$448.00	
12239 LED PANEL LIGHT SQUARE NICKEL 9W 6000K	350	\$1.60	\$575.00	
12307 LED PANEL LIGHT SQUARE NICKEL 12W 4000K	60	\$2.00	\$120.00	
12383 LED PANEL LIGHT SQUARE NICKEL 18W 4000K	20	\$3.00	\$60.00	
16053 LED PANEL LIGHT SURFACE ROUND NICKEL 18W 6000K	80	\$5.00	\$400.00	

910 boxes LED Lamps





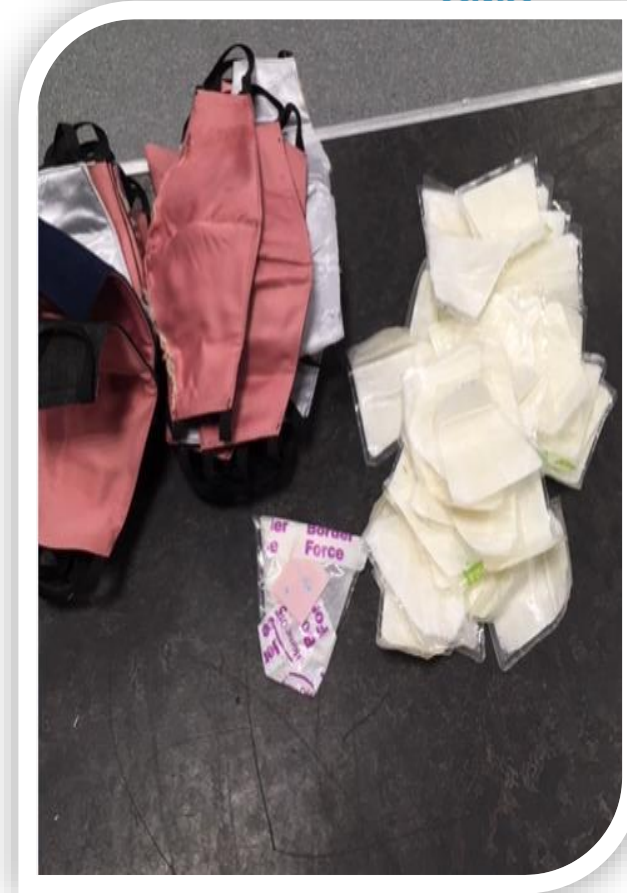
# Interesting cases..



19.800 pieces of medicines declared as LED lamps



# Interesting cases..





# Outcomes



## SEIZURE CASES



83

Members reported  
seizure cases



2,360

cases reported, as reflected  
in 3,434 seizure reports.

One case can comprise more than one seizure report,  
e.g. if a case contains different types of medicines, then each  
type of medicine is considered a separate seizure.

## SEIZED PIECES



+ 195.5 million  
medicines



+ 156.7 million  
medical devices  
(including personal  
protective  
equipment - PPE)



≈ 13.5 million  
doses of illicit  
COVID-19 vaccines  
(with the majority of seizure cases being  
reported at export and the absence of  
required documents and licences being  
the reason for detaining the vaccines)

IN TOTAL: + 365.7 million seized pieces

# STOP II



## E-COMMERCE-RELATED SEIZURES



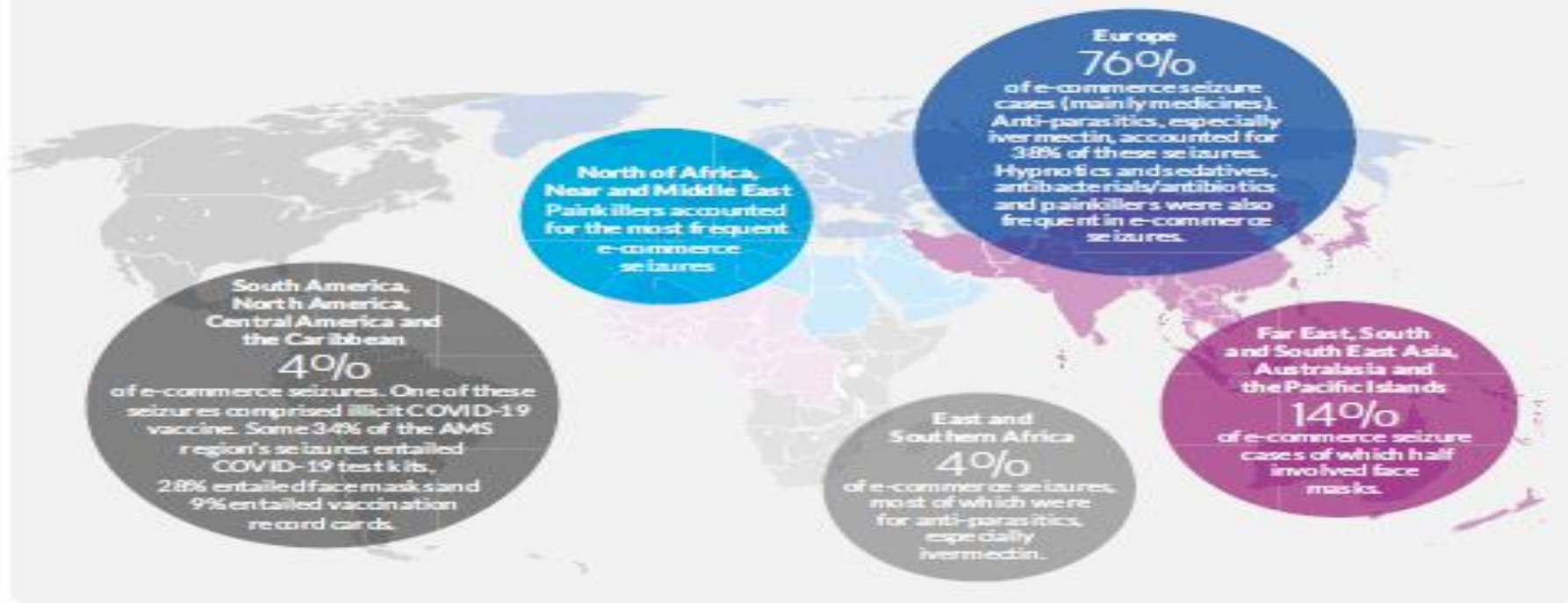
1,220

e-commerce-related seizures reported



1.2 million

pieces seized



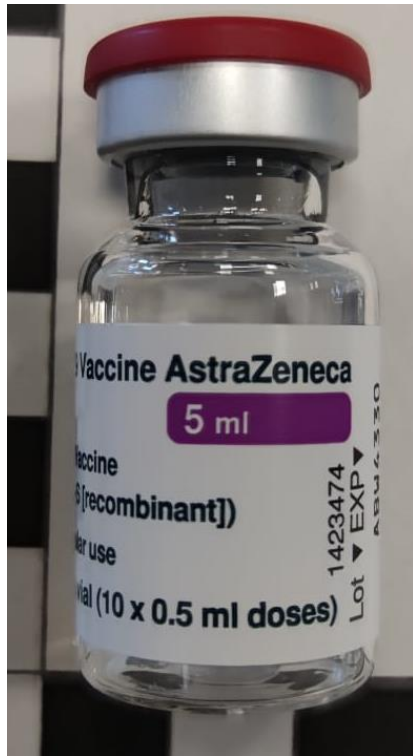
4%

of the total reported seizures confirmed as involving IPR infringements (1% of the total number of seized pieces). Face masks were the most frequently reported item involving IPR infringements.

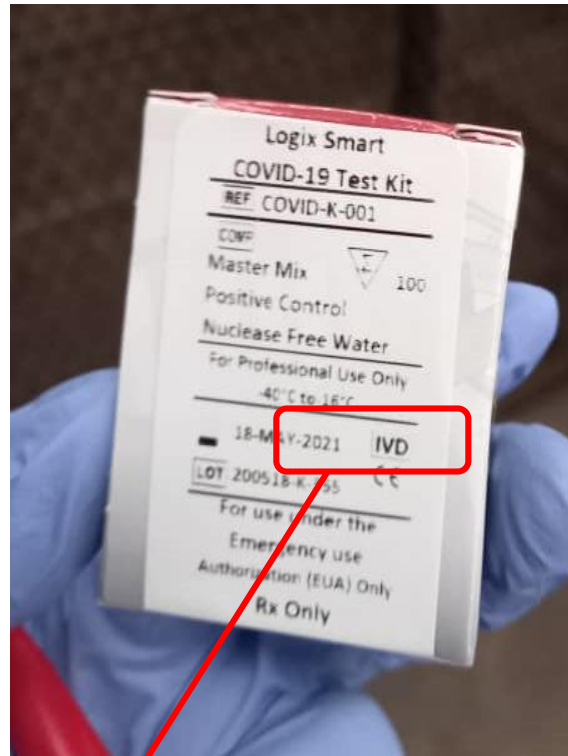


# Interesting cases..

Illicit vaccines  
COVID-19



Expired Covid-19  
test Kits



18-MAY-2021

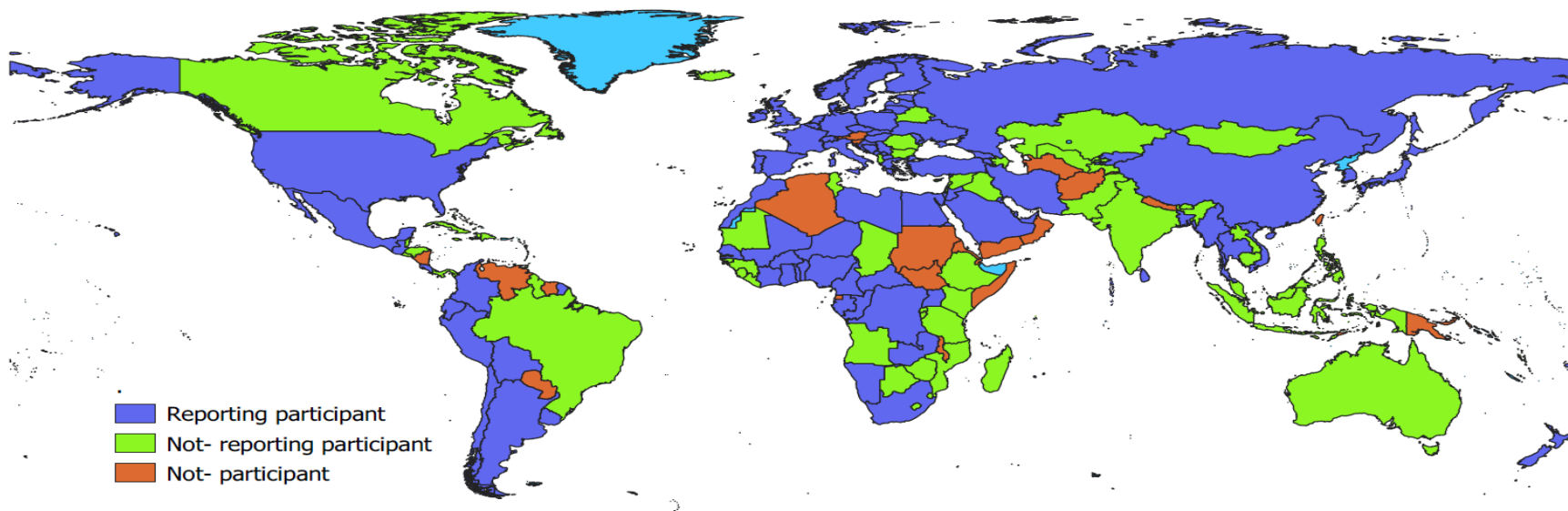
Concealment method





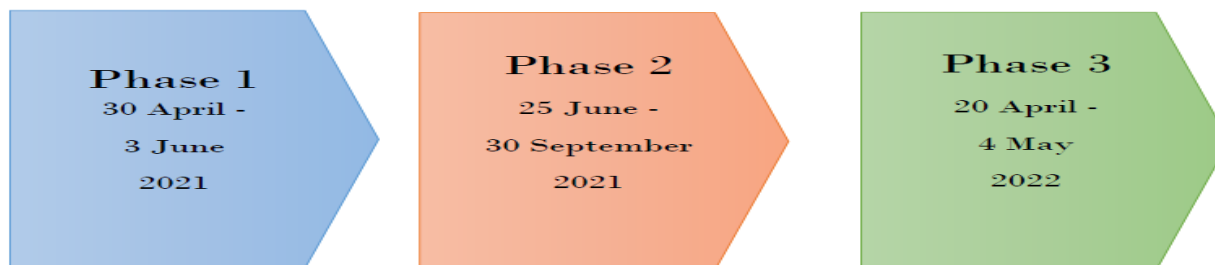


# STOP II PHASE 3: 160 COUNTRIES



## Duration

The operation was launched on 30 April 2021 and consisted of three phases.





# COVID-19 new treatment medicine...



**Hong Kong Customs :**  
46,960 pieces  
Molnupiravir



**Libya Customs :**  
Remdesivir



**Singapore Customs:**  
Ivercmetine

# Operations STOP figures..



	Participating member	Reporting member	Cases	Seizures	Pieces
Phase 1 and 2	146	83	2,360	3,434	365,728,692
<b>Phase 3</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>135,797,731</b>
Total			2,769	4,034	Medicines 273,642,568 COVID-19 Vaccines 13,495,814 Medical Devices 214,388,041 Total <b>501,526,423</b>

# Operations STOP figures..

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# Challenges...

- Free Trade Zone
- Transit/transshipment



- E-commerce





# Way forward...



- ☐ Capacity building
- ☐ Raising awareness
- ☐ Update tools...
- ☐ Launch Click module on illicit medicines
- ☐ Etc..

# Thanks

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