



4th OECD Task Force Meeting on Countering Illicit Trade

Draft Agenda



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Overview

The Task Force on Countering Illicit Trade (TC-CIT) meets as part of the OECD High Level Risk Forum of the Public Governance Committee (PGC). The goal of the Task force is to promote tractable policy reforms and to foster international cooperation aimed at the reduction and deterrence of illicit trade. In 2015, the Task Force on Charting Illicit Trade (TF-CIT) completed its first phase with the publication of "[Illicit Trade: Converging Criminal Networks](#)". The report provides an overview on the state of knowledge about the volumes and flows of trade in several sectors of prohibited goods. It also recognizes that public and private sector decision makers need to explore in greater granularity the governance gaps that criminal entrepreneurs successfully navigate to operate across borders.

For this reason, the second phase of the TF-CIT will focus on how to enhance the coordination capacity and risk awareness of enforcement bodies, and it is re-named the Task Force on Countering Illicit Trade to reflect this new emphasis. Governments will be invited to share their experience and views in terms of enforcement policy initiatives, with a policy dialogue involving Task force members from industry, think tanks and academia. The meeting will discuss on-going work under the Task force related to counterfeit trade and the enhancement of public-private partnerships such as those to map and visualize illicit networks. It will also consider new proposals from members on where efforts over the course of Phase 2 could produce outputs with policy impact.

A welcome coffee will be served outside Room 9 of the OECD Conference Centre beginning at 8:45.

Monday, 18 April 2016

--- [OECD Conference Centre Room CC9](#) ---

09:30 *Welcome*

Rolf Alter, Director, OECD Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate

Objectives of the meeting, adoption of the summary record and draft agenda

David Luna, TF-CIT Chair, United States Department of State

Reference documents

[GOV/PGC/HLRF/TFCIT/M\(2016\)1](#) *Summary record of the 3rd meeting of the TF-CIT*

[GOV/PGC/HLRF/TFCIT/A\(2016\)1](#) *Draft agenda of the 4th meeting of the TF-CIT*

09:45 *Session 1: Scoping Phase 2 of the TF-CIT*

The previous meeting of the TF-CIT concluded that focus should shift from describing different sectors of illicit trade to examining what courses of action could be implemented to prevent, deter or otherwise counter it. A stakeholder consultation was conducted to identify the pressing topics and policy issues where the Task Force could best add value and improve law enforcement outcomes through international cooperation. The Secretariat will introduce the key results of the consultation and will invite a Tour de Table on current and on-going initiatives where the Task Force should seek to build synergies.

Reference document

[GOV/PGC/HLRF/TFCIT\(2016\)1](#) *Scoping the TF-CIT phase two: stakeholder consultation*

10:15 *Session 2: Enforcement challenges in countering illicit trade over the internet*

This session will discuss challenges related to the exploitation of the internet as a platform to conduct illicit trade. Presentations will highlight the proliferation of internet based platforms for the sale of various illicit and prohibited products and discuss the difficulty for law enforcement and customs services to screen deliveries.

Reference document [GOV/PGC/HLRF/TFCIT\(2016\)2](#) *Countering illicit trade: policy initiatives to address enforcement gaps*

Questions for discussion:

- ✓ What enforcement policies and practices have proven effective to monitor and control illicit trade conducted over the internet?
- ✓ What incentives can be put in place for legal e-commerce platforms to cooperate more closely with enforcement bodies in the jurisdictions where they conduct business?
- ✓ How can enforcement bodies in a destination jurisdiction cooperate effectively to reduce delivery of illicit goods to wholesalers, retailers and consumers?

Speakers :

- Gerard Rodrigues, Australian Border Force
- Steven Broad, Executive Director, TRAFFIC Wildlife Monitoring Network
- Geoffroy Bessaud, Associate Vice President, Sanofi Corporate Security

--- OECD Auditorium ---

Note: All participants will be invited to move from room CC9 to the Auditorium.

12:00 **Launch of the OECD – EUIPO report on: [Trade in Counterfeit and Pirated Goods: Mapping the Economic Impact](#)**

This session will be webcast and open to media

Counterfeit and pirated trade is a significant economic risk that undermines innovation and hampers economic growth. This open launch event will present the key findings of a joint OECD-EUIPO report that includes quantitative analysis on the value of trade in counterfeits and pirated goods worldwide. The report provides the first global update by OECD since 2008 on counterfeit trade. The findings of the report highlight emerging trends, both globally and at country level, and the key industries affected by this illegal activity.

Media and participants will be welcomed to ask questions and discuss the significance of the report's findings.

Welcome:

- Douglas Frantz, OECD Deputy Secretary General

Speakers:

- Rolf Alter, Director, Director, OECD Public Governance and Territorial Development
- Antonio Campinos, Executive Director, EU Intellectual Property Office
- Ambassador Daniel Yohannes, United States Permanent Representative to the OECD
- Ambassador Spatolisano, European Union Permanent Representative to the OECD

13:00 **Lunch - Château de La Muette, George Marshall Room**

14:15 **Session 3: Taking forward policy messages and case studies on trade in counterfeits**

Participants will be invited to discuss how to maximise the effectiveness of enforcement strategies concerning counterfeit products. This session will also offer an opportunity to discuss possible country and thematic case studies to address the challenge of trade in counterfeits in specific contexts.

Reference document [GOV/PGC/HLRF/TFCIT\(2016\)3](#) Addressing the challenge of trade in counterfeits:

Questions for discussion:

- ✓ How can we better understand the challenges of counterfeits through further country, regional or industry level analysis?
- ✓ How can we identify effective policies to address the challenge of trade in counterfeits? What can we learn from customs seizure data?
- ✓ How can public authorities develop risk informed enforcement strategies to address efficiently target international trade in counterfeits?

Speakers :

- Nathan Wajzman, Chief Economist, EU Intellectual Property Office
- Mr. Hervé Lohr, Deputy Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OECD
- Marcin Sobierajski, Customs Department, Poland

15:30 **Coffee Break**

15:45 **Session 4: Enforcement challenges in countering illicit trade in Free Trade Zones (FTZ)**

Free Trade Zones (FTZ) can drive economic growth and facilitate increased international trade and investment. Relaxed regulations and limited taxes, however, have coincided with a wide range of abuses by criminal actors who have taken advantage of uneven oversight and surveillance in FTZ, including in national laws in some countries that limit the reach of law enforcement authorities.

Questions for discussion:

- ✓ What examples are there of an effective approach to pursuing law enforcement objectives in FTZ that maintain the objectives and benefits of trade facilitation?
- ✓ What incentives can be put in place for the operators of FTZ to cooperate more closely with enforcement bodies in the jurisdiction where they are established?
- ✓ How can enforcement bodies cooperate with international partners to reduce illicit trade headed into FTZs or control what is coming out of them?

Reference document

[GOV/PGC/HLRF/TFCIT\(2016\)2](#) Countering illicit trade: policy initiatives to address enforcement gaps

Speakers :

- *Chris Martin, Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, United Kingdom*
- *Jeff Hardy, Director, Business Action to Stop Counterfeiting and Piracy*
- *Mariya Polner, World Customs Organisation*

17:45 **Close of Day 1**

18:00 **Hosted cocktail - Château de La Muette, George Marshall Room**

Tuesday, 19 April 2016

09:00 ***OECD Integrity Forum Registration and Networking Breakfast***

TF-CIT participants are invited to attend the morning sessions of the 'OECD Integrity Forum', beginning with a networking breakfast.

<http://www.oecd.org/cleangovbiz/integrity-forum-2016.htm>

The TF-CIT will reconvene after lunch in Room CC9.

10:00 ***Welcoming Remarks and Opening Address***

Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary General

10:30 ***Integrity Forum Plenary Session 1: Corruption and trade: risks, costs and consequences***

This high level panel will look at corruption in cross-border trade at a macro level, evaluating the costs of corruption and the reasons why it is essential to address corruption. The panel will address systematically the entry points for corruption, including customs, border police, trade regulators, traders, logistics companies and multinationals.

12:00 ***LUNCH***

13:30 ***Session 5: Enforcement challenges in Trade Based Money Laundering (TBML)***

Criminal organizations exploit global trade and financial systems to move value around the world by employing complex schemes associated with legitimate transactions. Techniques to identify instances of TBML include the exchange between countries of trade data for anomalies amongst patterns. This session will focus on lesser known forms of TBML and the challenges that they create for enforcement bodies to identify instances and collect evidence.

Reference document [GOV/PGC/HLRF/TFCIT\(2016\)2](#) Countering illicit trade: policy initiatives to address enforcement gaps

Questions for discussion:

- ✓ What enforcement policies and good practices in coordination between enforcement bodies are needed to detect and collect evidence sufficient to prosecute these new forms of TBML?
- ✓ What incentives can be put in place for private sector actors and individuals to inform enforcement bodies of difficult to detect forms of TBML?

Speakers:

- *Kathy Nicolaou-Manias, Financial Intelligence Centre, Republic of South Africa*
- *Eric Ives, Head of Global Threat Financing, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States*
- *Gretchen Peters, George Mason University*
- *Michael Levi, Professor of Criminology, University of Cardiff*

15:15 ***Signing ceremony: Memorandum of Understanding between the OECD and WCO***

- *Mari Kiviniemi, Deputy Secretary General, OECD*
- *Sergio Mujica, Deputy Secretary General, World Customs Organisation*

15:30 ***Session 6: Next steps, outcomes and deliverables***

Participants will take stock of the presentations and discussions from the preceding sessions to discuss the desired outcomes and the required deliverables to achieve those outcomes in terms of a “countering illicit trade” policy agenda. Over the course of 2016-17 the TF-CIT could collect and analyse policies and practices that illustrate how countries can integrate concerns for public safety and security with policies that facilitate the economic benefits of trade. The TF-CIT can also be used to promote international cooperation and public private partnerships to reduce resources that end up in the pockets of criminal and terrorist networks. These aims are consistent with the recently agreed Sustainable Development Goals, of which targets 15-16 call for action to reduce trafficking and to combat all forms of organised crime.

16:30 ***Integrity Forum Plenary Session 2: The twin devils of corruption and illicit trade***

Global trade provides unprecedented opportunities for economies to grow. It also provides criminal entrepreneurs the conditions to hide illicit goods and materials in the shadows of legitimate imports. This high level session will address how governments and international organisations can work to ensure clean trade, which furthers public safety and reduces the illegal entry of contraband and persons into markets and territories without impeding legitimate trade.

Speakers:

- *Tim Morris, INTERPOL Executive Director Police Services*
- *Euan Stewart, Head of Intelligence, HM Revenue and Customs, United Kingdom*
- *Tina Gabbrielli, Department of Homeland Security, United States*
- *Gabriel Duque, Ambassador of Colombia to the World Trade Organisation*
- *Konstantinos Kaiopoulos, Advisor for Customs Matters to the Secretary General for Public Revenue, Greece*
- *Dr. Vanessa Neumann, President & CEO, Asymmetrica*

18:00 ***Close of meeting***

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