

Issue I

Airport Communication Project

Recommendation 1

Governments are encouraged to continue their financial and technical support to the Airport Communication Project (AIRCOP) of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) so as to support the establishment of new operational joint airport interdiction task force units and the ongoing professional development of established operations.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Estonian Tax and Customs Board never participated in AIRCOP meetings that focussed on cocaine trafficking from South America and Africa. The reason why we never took part in those meeting is that there are no direct flights to Estonia from South America and Africa and passengers arrive in Estonia via other EU member states - risk analysis is implemented there.

Recommendation 2

Where they have not already done so, airport-based law enforcement agencies should be encouraged to open a dialogue with the joint airport interdiction task force units, formed under the AIRCOP initiative, to commence information sharing and to build professional networks that will in turn support more effective operational responses against trafficking.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Information concerning incidents in airports is delivered through other existing channels to Estonia. We do support, however, the expansion of AIRCOP project to the Estonian Tax and Customs Board.

Recommendation 3

Governments are encouraged to support initiatives that facilitate close operational cooperation in the sharing of information between authorities (such as advanced passenger information, passenger name records, and advanced cargo information), in accordance with applicable privacy requirements, to enable effective and timely risk assessment of passengers and airfreight.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Developing of the PNR (Passenger Name Record) programme is underway and should be accomplished by 2018. PNR data exchange is regulated by the European Union PNR Directive.

Issue II

Container Control Programme

Recommendation 4

Governments should encourage their drug law enforcement authorities to work more closely with drug source countries and transit States through capacity-building programmes such as the UNODC/World Customs Organization (WCO) Container Control Programme.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Estonian Tax and Customs Board does not participate in the Container Control Programme and the information related to findings in containers is delivered via CENcomm programme to Estonia. Distribution of operative information is done via contact persons of other states as well as liaison officers.

Recommendation 5

Governments should be encouraged to assist other countries in investigating drug seizures made in containerized freight destined for Europe, so as to secure the conviction of those who organize those shipments and the dismantlement of the organized crime networks that profit from their operation.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Estonian Tax and Customs Board does not participate in the Container Control Programme and the information related to findings in containers is delivered via CENcomm programme to Estonia. Distribution of operative information is done via contact persons of other states as well as liaison officers.

Recommendation 6

Governments should be encouraged to support source countries by making law enforcement experts and relevant technical equipment available to them to improve the technical skills and professional knowledge of their border law enforcement agencies in assessing the threat from organized criminal groups involved in illicit drug trafficking through their territories and designing measures to counter them.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Estonian Tax and Customs Board does not participate in the Container Control Programme and the information related to findings in containers is delivered via CENcomm programme to Estonia. Distribution of operative information is done via contact persons of other states as well as liaison officers.

Issue III

Handling synthetic drug production and responding to changing trends in drug use, new psychoactive substances and precursors

Recommendation 7

Governments are encouraged to urgently address the necessary control measures regarding the status of new psychoactive substances, which are sometimes marketed as “legal highs”, so as to remove ambiguity in the minds of consumers.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

An amendment of the Act on Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and Precursors was enacted in 2016 to allow scheduling of substances based on generic groups.

<https://www.riigiteataja.ee/en/eli/ee/519012015008/consolide/current> (Amended 13.04.2016, entry into force 13.05.2016)

In 2016 In the years 2015-2016 altogether 44 single substances and 15 substance groups were submitted to control measures.

Findings in postal parcels in recent years show that psychoactive substances are delivered mostly in postal parcels which is why we adjusted our methods of work accordingly. Findings from postal parcels duplicated within the last two years. All possible circumstances are ascertained in the course of proceedings

Recommendation 8

Governments are encouraged to urgently undertake research regarding the harmful effects of new psychoactive substances on human health, and to take steps to improve the knowledge of their law enforcement authorities about the manufacture and supply of such substances, including the involvement of organized criminal groups in their trafficking and distribution.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

The Government of Estonia has not undertaken any specific research regarding the harmful effects of new psychoactive substances on human health. The research conducted is limited to general health behaviour studies of adults and adolescents.

Estonia uses also early warning information system (database) regarding novelty psychoactive substances for the exchange of information between different agencies with the aim of assessing risks and applying control measures.

Recommendation 9

Given the important role the Internet plays in promoting the sale of new psychoactive substances, and given the use made of international postal and courier services to deliver them, Governments are encouraged to support their law enforcement agencies in establishing close partnerships with the services concerned to develop new and effective strategies to intercept such substances, including by encouraging the development and use of relevant technical equipment.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Majority of novelty psychoactive substances are ordered via the Darknet web by logging in through TOR browser. Solutions to prevent the above activities are being searched in Estonia currently.

Issue IV

Measures to counter money-laundering and illicit financial flows

Recommendation 10

Governments should encourage their drug law enforcement agencies to share information with their national financial intelligence units at the early stages of investigations.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

Drug law offences are one of the main types of offences related to money-laundering. Units dealing with both types of offences are in the same agency, the Police and Border Guard Board. Drug law enforcement units share information with their national financial intelligence units at different stages of investigations, including at early stages, when appropriate.

Recommendation 11

Governments are encouraged to establish inter-agency joint investigation teams to investigate the laundering of proceeds of drug trafficking.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

As both units of drug law enforcement and money-laundering are in the same agency, the cooperation between both agencies is routine.

Recommendation 12

Governments are encouraged to support UNODC in the implementation of capacity-building to combat money-laundering and illicit financial flows stemming from drug trafficking.

Any action taken YES NO

Comments:

There hasn't been concrete actions related to that recommendation. Estonia is open to discuss different ways of participating in capacity-building to combat money-laundering and illicit financial flows stemming from drug trafficking.