In the EU, 27 customs authorities are working for you.

What did customs authorities deal with in 2015?

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Goodss threatening the safety and security of EU citizens seized thanks to customs controls:
- 397 tonnes of drugs
- More than 40 million of counterfeit articles of which 900,000 medicines and 4 million toys
- 7,300 weapons and 3.2 million pieces of ammunition

How to further improve customs controls?

The EU Strategy for customs risk management

Risk management helps customs authorities to determine the different levels of risks associated with goods being transported to and from the EU. It is a tool to help Customs Authorities decide which goods they will check and where.

Risk management activities:
- Collecting and analysing data and information
- Prescribing and taking action

Risk Management:
- Supports customs for better targeting of risky consignments
- Ensures the smooth flow of legitimate goods
- Aims to protect the safety and security and financial interests of the EU and its citizens

Robust risk management allows customs to identify where, when and how their controls are best deployed, and provide an effective respond to threats that arise.

The EU Strategy aims to achieve a high-quality, multi-layered approach to risk management and is based on four principles:
- Assess in advance, control where required
- Multi-agency cooperation
- Multi-layered and coordinated approach
- Efficient use of resources

Key objectives:
- Improved Data Quality
- Information sharing
- Efficient controls and risk mitigation
- Capacity building
- Interagency cooperation
- Cooperation with traders
- International customs cooperation

The European Commission, Member States and even economies operate all have roles to play in ensuring that the strategy is implemented successfully.