

Valuation Control



International standards compliant valuation control provides extended risk-based scope and monitoring capacity for customs administrations to protect government revenue and facilitate trade.



Democratic Republic of the Congo

SITUATION

DRC's Customs and Excise Authority relied on a private company to perform "pre-shipment inspections" (PSI) to ensure that the price declared to customs reflected the true value of goods. However, WCO and the recent WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation advise against the use of PSI as it increases burden and costs in international trade and can be counter-productive for the country of importation and for its traders.

SOLUTION

Following the development of ASYVAL by the ASYCUDA Programme in 2011 to improve control of goods valuation and calculation of customs duties, the module was adapted to the local needs and a specific procedure, called "amber lane", was established. A Central Value Control Unit was created in 2014 and is operational since February 2015. ASYVAL automatically routes all declarations with risk concerning the declared values to this central unit for advice.

RESULT

The implementation success of the ASYVAL module in the DRC attracted the interest of the World Customs Organization. This led to the ASYVAL module being included in the third version of the WCO Revenue Package (tools and instruments relevant to revenue collection) as an example of good practice. Specifically, the automation of valuation control has provided key benefits such as:

- Securing state revenue;
- Harmonizing the system-wide customs value controls;
- Increasing redundancy of pre-shipment inspection certificates;
- Releasing more goods without manual customs control.

129,495

Number of value alerts in 2017
by the Value Control
Unit of the DGDA.

"For the first time in DRC customs history, ASYVAL's amber channel allowed the development and maintenance of a value database for consultation."

Simon Nzuka Mapengo
Project Manager, DGDA



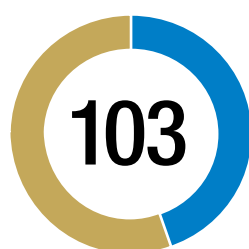


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Size of Project

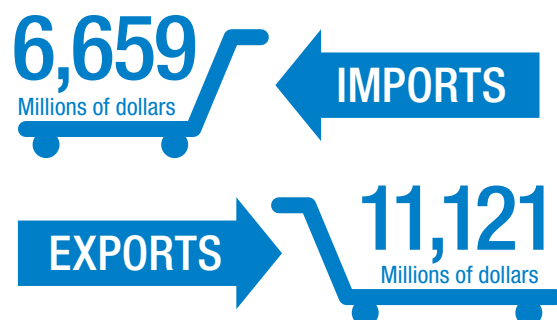
Total number of customs offices



Paper-based
customs office



Computerized
customs office



2017 Volume of Activity



Number of Persons Trained

