Thoughts on interactions with CA’s
Starting point

CA’s need information from outsiders in the system and market operators can also use the information

Eyes and ears on the ground in producer and source countries

Information from different sides (NGO’s- Governments-IM etc)
Big data analysis thoughts

Thoughts for market operators:

What does data show - historic or forecasts
What parameters were used
How reliable is the data
Big data analysis thoughts

Thoughts for governments

Why was data gathered
What is in the data - relevance and reliance
What parameters are used
Can data be used for analysis - legal basis
Is permission from the public prosecutor necessary
Substantiated concerns

2016 till August – Top ten topics NVWA

- Animal welfare 1.504
- Food 1.133
- Illness due to food poisoning 1.002
- Hygiene food 753
- Smoking in restaurants 717
- Int signals 591
- RAPEX 443
- RASFF Food 410
- Nature conservation 399
- Misleading advertisement food 345
- 7000+ total (about 40 a day)
Tips

Be specific on your topic:
Timber: phytosanitary?

Packaging for stone from China: ispm

Timber chair: product safety

Timber chair made from Ramin: CITES

Timber chair from Indonesia: FLEGT

Timber chair from Indonesia made from illegally logged timber: EUTR
International CITES case: Eutwix message on confiscation of birds meant for a zoo in Bulgaria

Dutch timber case: Greenpeace CCT report was used as one of the sources of information - starting point was a re-inspection

Mahogany case: alert Customs officer (location of importer and way shipment was stacked)
Considerations

- Information is too dated/old
- No direct link with importer/company in the EU
- Situation turns out differently than at first glance

How to be effective ??
Tips

Be specific on your goal

Sharing information to be used in a risk assessment

Country, regions, local situation, species, local customs, other sources of information

Sharing information on companies committing crimes in producer countries:

Which companies, which products, what time frame?
Tips

Be specific on your goal

Sharing information on EU companies

Which companies, which products, what time frame, whom did they buy from, is there any evidence, what was done against the seller, where did you get the information
Ways to reach a CA

Direct contact:
- File a report or complaint
- Substantiated concern: look at national legislations for rules

Indirect:
- Anonymous: tiplines: be specific or your information will be lost

- Whistle blower: see national legislation
Substantiated concerns

Consider forming an alliance with a NGO in the country where you want to file your concern

Always contact the authorities in the country where the crime was committed first

File your concern in the local language, at least the cover letter

Translate relevant documents

Build a relationship with a CA - don’t shop!!
Thank you!