



Regional Workshop on the Environmentally Safe Disposal of Intellectual Property-Infringing Goods

“IPR Capacity Building in Asia Pacific Region”

**“Disposal of Goods from the Customs Perspective in
the Asian Region”**

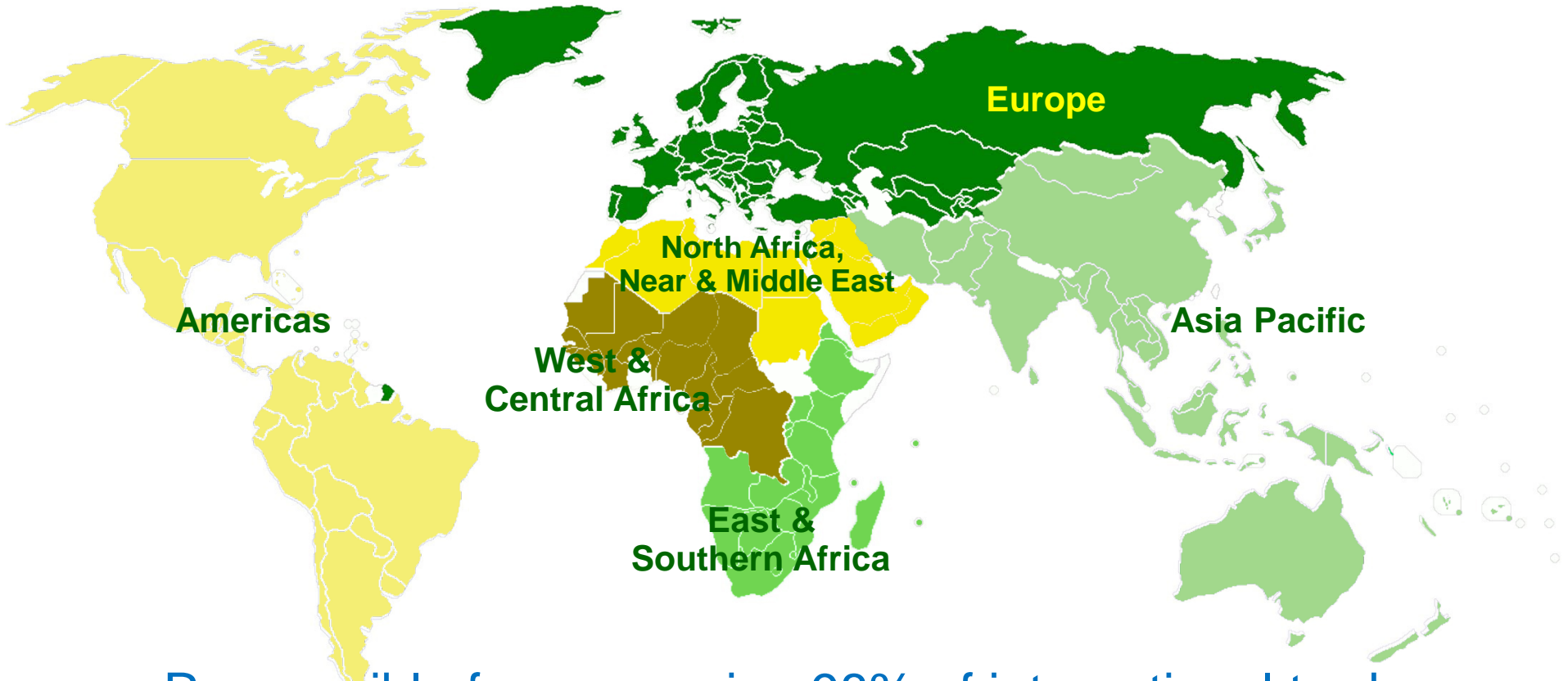
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**World Customs Organization (WCO)
Asia Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB A/P)**

The WCO an Organization with global reach

179 Members divided into 6 regions



Responsible for processing 98% of international trade



WCO A/P Region (33 Members) as of August 2013



ROCB A/P : Four Pillars

Mission

To assist building capacity of Members to realize efficient and effective Customs

Implementation
of WCO
Conventions,
Instruments
and Tools

Enhance
Collaboration
with
Development
Partners

Improve
Capacity
Building
(CB) Needs
Analysis,
Delivery and
Management

Enhance
Communication &
Information
Sharing



CB Planning in A/P



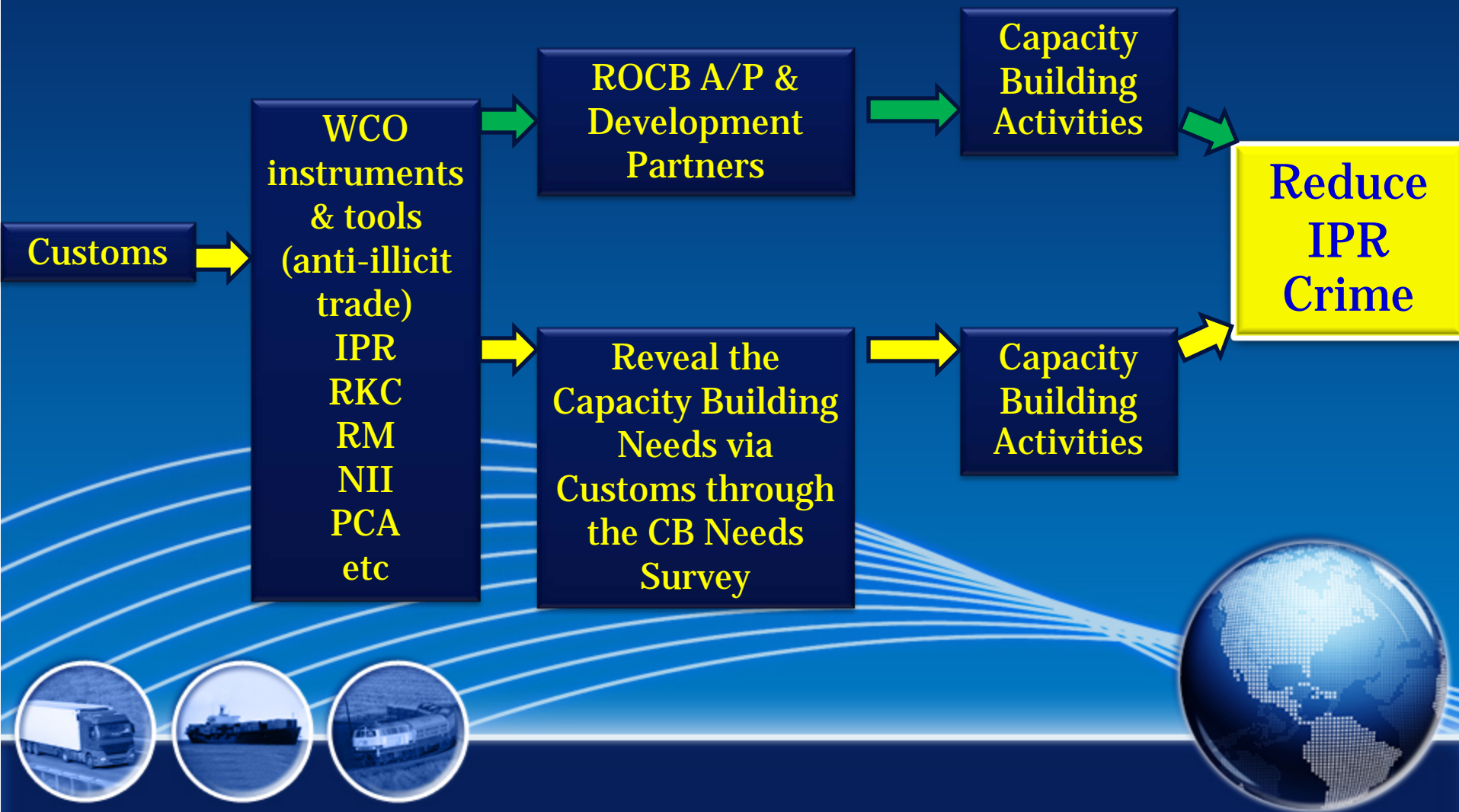
Examples of Activities

(Promotion of WCO Convention, Instruments and Tools)

(Regional Level)

Month	Activity	Time	Venue	Fund
1	Regional workshop on Drug Enforcement	23-27 July 2012	Regional Training Centre (RTC) Japan	Customs Cooperation Fund (CCF) Japan
2	Regional workshop on Intellectual Property Right (IPR) Border Enforcement	11-14 Sep. 2012	RTC Japan	CCF Japan
3	Regional Workshop on Accreditation Workshop of Rules of Origin (ROO) experts	15-19 Oct .2012	RTC China	CCF Japan
4	Regional Workshop on Accreditation Workshop of Risk Management (RM) experts	19-23 Nov. 2012	RTC Hong Kong China	CCF Japan
5	Regional workshop on Accreditation workshop on Valuation Control via Post Clearance Audit (PCA)	3-7 Dec. 2012	RTC Japan	CCF Japan
6	Regional workshop on Time Release Study (TRS)	4-8 March 2013	RTC Japan	CCF Japan

WCO Support for capacity building



Disposal of Counterfeit /infringing Good

➤ Workflow

1. Seizure of counterfeit/infringing goods under relevant laws of the country
2. Court trials
 - no conviction → return of goods
 - conviction → disposal of the goods with court order
3. Subject to the nature of the goods, there are different ways of disposal of the goods



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➤ Disposal

1. Subject to the laws of the country and internal rules, different natures of the goods have different handling methods/procedures.
2. The disposal methods usually aim at destroying the counterfeit or pirated goods and prevent these goods from being resold in the market



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➤ Main Methods

- Depending on the nature of the goods, there are various destruction methods by one or a combination of the following methods -

***breaking/smashing/crushing;**

***cutting/permanent dismantling/defacing with sharp object;**

***draining;**

***dumping on land; or**

***incineration.**



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➤ Examples

- pirated optical discs by shredding, **burning** etc
- counterfeit cigarettes by shredding, for reclamation use, **burning, adding corrosive liquid** etc
- counterfeit medicines (in liquid form and is toxic) to be disposed by Health Department (to prevent bio-hazards) under the supervision of Customs officers (with endorsement of Environment Protection Office endorsement to prevent air, water and land pollution)



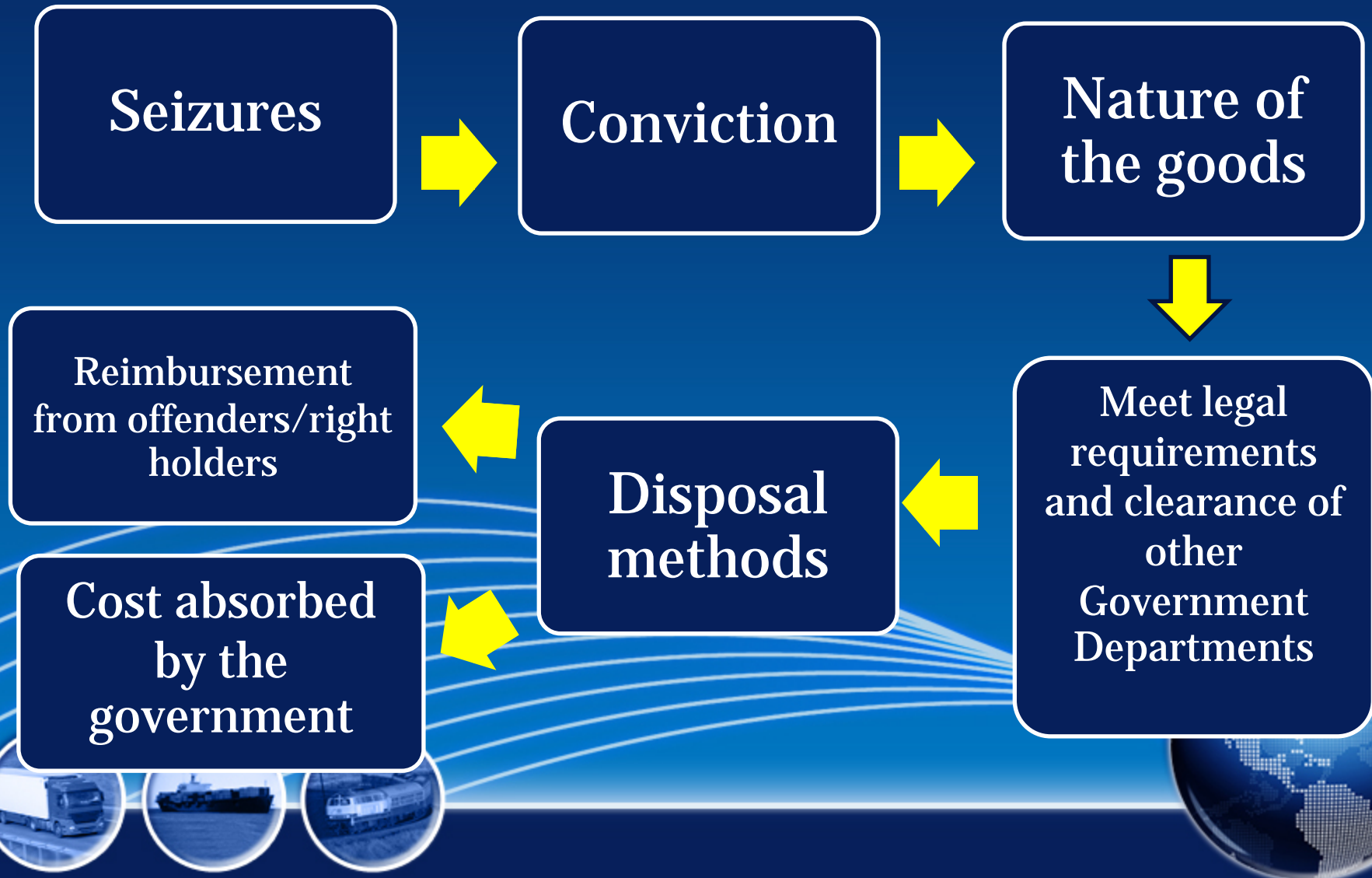
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➤ Observations

- financial burden (cost sharing by right holders/offenders)
- not environmentally friendly (researches for new technology)(sharing of good practices from other countries)(Chemical Waste Treatment Centre)
- not effective (sharing new technology and good practices from other countries)(establishment of central seizures processing office e.g. Central Drugs Disposal Unit)



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Thank you for your attention

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