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**CTI – Sub-Committee on Customs Procedures (SCCP)**

## **Annex I to the report**

**Experience exchange  
on the use of tools and Information Technology  
for goods identification**

# **QUESTIONNAIRE**

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**SUB-COMMITTEE ON CUSTOMS PROCEDURES**

## **QUESTIONNAIRE**

**To collect experience exchanges  
in the adoption of tools and IT for Goods Identification**

**Proposed by the Peruvian Delegation**

**APEC 2009**

**To be completed by  
30 June 2009**

## Introduction

In the post-9/11 context, Customs administrations have been addressing efforts and resources to maintain and enhance security by, inter alia, improving the inspection process without hindering the movement of cargo at borders. Existing inspection processes have underscored longstanding inadequacies in interagency information collection, sharing, and analysis. A better and wider use of available technologies has received greater attention in many countries as an option to reduce these inadequacies.

The SCCP decided to conduct a study to improve the use of tools and IT for goods identification. This study will be held in Lima – Peru, in 2009.

## Questionnaire

This questionnaire has been developed for the SCCP by SUNAT-Peru with the assistance of an external consultant. It is intended to be used to collect experiences of the economies that have adopted (or that are going to adopt) international tools and IT for cargo identification, in the context of their border inspection process. The information on these experiences covers the necessary reforms to comply with new standards and requirements, as well as the practical aspects related with operational modalities of implementing the tools and IT for cargo identification, as they are presently undertaken by APEC economies

The questionnaire is being addressed to the security-concerned units within the Customs administrations of the APEC Member Economies.

The National Superintendency of Tax Administration (SUNAT-Peru) *will be in charge of consolidate and evaluate the questionnaires results and of the development of the final report of the project for its dissemination within member economies.*

## Scope of the questionnaire:

This questionnaire comprises two parts. The first part (Part ONE) includes 27 questions necessary to understand the context of the use of cargo identification tools. The second part (Part TWO) includes 29 questions referring to the cargo identification technologies currently in use. These questions are important to complete the picture emerging from Part ONE. They are optional.

The context of use of cargo identification tools includes questions related to: your Agency mission; Inspection locations; Documentation; Inspection process; Reporting; inspection technology; Human resource development issues.

The cargo identification technologies have been grouped according to their (main) use in primary inspection or secondary inspection. Questions related to primary inspection refer to RPMs, NIIDs and Track devices. Questions related to secondary inspection refer to RIIDs, PRDs and other common tools including canines.

The Questionnaire is intended to be user-friendly and easy to answer by inputting directly into the respective sheets of present EXCEL worksheet. You can only enter information in the YELLOW cells, by selecting from the proposed list or typing a number (value or percentage). PURPLE cells are used to enter "free text", comments, additional information.

In total, there are 56 questions that can be accessed by scrolling down the two sheets of this EXCEL file.

Once completed, please save this file under the filename: "Questionnaire APEC-2009 from xxxxx.xls" with "xxxxx" being the name of your Economy. Example: [Questionnaire APEC-2009 from Peru.xls](#)

## Support towards completion of the Questionnaire

If you need assistance in completing this Questionnaire, please send an email to the Project Overseer.

Contact details are provided at the end of this questionnaire.

## Questionnaire Returns – 30 June 2009

Please send this completed questionnaire as an EXCEL file to [jsullca@sunat.gob.pe](mailto:jsullca@sunat.gob.pe) (with copy to [maxence.orthlieb@gmail.com](mailto:maxence.orthlieb@gmail.com)) by 30 June 2009.

The *Sub Committee on Customs Procedures (SCCP)* thanks you for your participation in completing this questionnaire.

**Part ONE:**  
**Context of the use of cargo identification technologies**

**Section 1: Agency Mission**

**Q\_1** What are the missions of your agency (at ports of entry)?

<i>Health</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Safety</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Immigration</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Environmental Protection</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Border Security</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Trade Compliance</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Currency</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Stolen Property</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Narcotics Trafficking Interdiction</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Weapons/Explosives</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Criminal Finance</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>National Law Enforcement</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Other</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If Other, please specify:	<input type="text"/>

**Q\_2** What is your principal enforcement strategy? (Indicate a relative percentage of effort for each)

<i>Intelligence and Targeting</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Documentary Discrepancy</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Investigation</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Laboratory Analysis</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Random Inspection</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Statistical Sampling or Modeling</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Intrusive Examination</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Non-intrusive Examination</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Other</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Please specify the other enforcement strategy	<input type="text"/>

**Section 2: Inspection Locations**

**Q\_3** Where does your agency review of Customs import or export documentation take place?

<i>Port of Entry – Local Office</i>	
<i>Regional Office</i>	
<i>Headquarters</i>	
<i>Remote</i>	
<i>Other</i>	
If Other, please specify:	

**Q\_4** Where is the initial non-intrusive examination of target population physically occur?

<i>Apron, Dockside or at Anchor</i>	
<i>Within the Airport/Port Complex</i>	
<i>Co-located with another Agency</i>	
<i>Other</i>	
If Other, please specify:	

**Q\_5** Where is the principal location that you review the data from an initial non-intrusive examination of the target population? (Indicate a relative percentage of review for each)

<i>Apron, Dockside or at Anchor</i>	
<i>Within the Airport/Port Complex</i>	
<i>Within 5 miles of Airport/Port Complex</i>	
<i>Remote Site (greater than 5 miles)</i>	
<i>Co-located with another Agency</i>	

**Q\_6** Where is the final physical examination or inspection performed of target population?

<i>Airport/Marine Terminal/dockside</i>	
<i>Port of Entry</i>	
<i>Off site Examination</i>	
<i>Bonded Warehouse</i>	
<i>Ultimate Consignee's Facility</i>	
<i>Other</i>	
If Other, please specify:	

**Q\_7** Where is the principal office that exercises each of the following inspection functions?

	<i>Apron, Dockside or at Anchor</i>	<i>Within the Port Complex</i>	<i>Co-located with another Agency</i>	<i>Other</i>
<i>Administrative and Data Analysis</i>				
<i>Documentary Review and Reporting</i>				
<i>Intelligence and Targeting</i>				
<i>Screening Examination</i>				
<i>Physical Inspection</i>				

**Q\_8** Has a cost-recovery mechanism been established regarding the use of cargo inspection tools?

<i>Who directly contributes to this mechanism?</i>	
If Others, please specify:	

**Section 3: Documentation**

Q\_9

With regards to the indicators below, what do you consider to be an effective deterrence level for your target population? (Please indicate a number or a percentage, and specify if "Other")

<i>Number of Annual Inspections</i>	
<i>Percentage of Annual Passengers</i>	
<i>Percentage of Container Volume Throughput</i>	
<i>Percentage of Inspection Target Population</i>	
<i>Other: (please specify)</i>	
<i>Other: (please specify)</i>	
<i>Other: (please specify)</i>	

**Section 4: Inspection process**

Q\_10

What are the basic elements of your agency's port of entry inspection process?

<i>Data analysis and Profiling</i>	
<i>Documentary Review and Reporting</i>	
<i>Intelligence and Targeting</i>	
<i>Investigation</i>	
<i>Laboratory Analysis</i>	
<i>Non-intrusive Screening and Examination</i>	
<i>Random or Statistical Sampling</i>	
<i>Physical Intrusive Examination</i>	
<i>Inspection Technology</i>	
<i>Other</i>	
If Other, please specify:	

Q\_11

What is the primary inspection target for each function in ports of entry? (Indicate a relative percentage of enforcement effort for each)

<i>Baggage</i>	
<i>Bulk Freight</i>	
<i>Container Freight</i>	
<i>Vessel/Aircraft</i>	
<i>Other</i>	
If Other, please specify:	



**Q\_12** If your primary target is container freight, what is your primary inspection target within the container?

<i>Illegal Aliens</i>	
<i>Plants</i>	
<i>Animals</i>	
<i>Weapons/Explosives</i>	
<i>Narcotics</i>	
<i>Currency</i>	
<i>Merchandise Trade Compliance</i>	
<i>Organics</i>	
Please specify	
<i>Inorganic</i>	
Please specify	
<i>Other</i>	
Please specify	

**Q\_13** To measure inspection and enforcement effectiveness, which of the following performance indicators are considered important?

<i>% of annual container volume throughput</i>	
<i>Maximum revenue collection compliance</i>	
<i>Maximum trade compliance # or volume of seizures</i>	
<i>Increased/decreased # of cargo releases</i>	
<i>Increased fines and penalties</i>	
<i>Export/Import targeting effectiveness</i>	
<i># of arrests, indictments, convictions</i>	
<i>Positive search ratio</i>	
<i>Other</i>	
If Other, please specify:	

**Q\_14** What specific criteria in order of importance do you use to target particular containers for nonintrusive examination using inspection technology or for physical examination?

Criteria # 1	
Criteria # 2	
Criteria # 3	
Criteria # 4	
Criteria # 5	

**Section 5: Reporting**

**Q\_15** To which level of the Control and Enforcement institution are inspection results reported?

<i>Port of Entry – Local Office</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Regional Office</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Headquarters</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Remote</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Other</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If Other, please specify:	<input type="text"/>

**Q\_16** What type(s) of inspection results are reported?

<i>Successful identifications</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Failures</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Volume/number of cargo units inspected (throughput)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Other</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If Other, please specify:	<input type="text"/>

**Q\_17** Where are the inspection results recorded?

<i>Manually in local Records Book</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Customs computerized system</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Port Authority computerized system</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Other</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If Other, please specify:	<input type="text"/>

**Q\_18** Are inspections results shared with other concerned institutions?

<i>With the Port Authority?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>With other Customs Administrations abroad?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>With other Institutions?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If Other institutions, please specify:	<input type="text"/>

**Section 6: Inspection technology**

**Q\_19** What is the degree of mobility in the inspection technology that you utilize?  
(Please indicate a percentage)

<i>Fixed</i>	
<i>Portable/Transportable</i>	
<i>Mobile</i>	

**Q\_20** What kind of inspection technology do you currently utilize for your target population?  
(Please indicate the relative percentage of each technology)

<i>X-ray</i>	
<i>Gamma Ray</i>	
<i>Fast/Thermal Neutron</i>	
<i>Radioactive Isotope Detector</i>	
<i>Radiation Detector</i>	
<i>Vapor/Trace Detector</i>	
<i>Other</i>	
Please specify the other technologies	

**Q\_21** What inspection technology does your agency primarily utilize for non intrusive screening and examination of each of the following? (Please indicate the technology)

<i>Passengers:</i>	
<i>Baggage:</i>	
<i>Freight at ports of entry:</i>	

**Section 7: Human Resource Development issues**

**Q\_22** What is the relative percentage of effort (in terms of staffing and funding) for your agency between **physical examination** (intrusive) and **technology screening** (non-intrusive examination) of target populations?

	Staffing	Funding
<i>Physical Examination</i>		
<i>Technology Screening</i>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	100%	100%

**Q\_23** How many **LOCAL** specialized personnel (Full Time Equivalent - FTE) do work in the following areas?

<i>Enforcement and control procedures</i>	
<i>Operations of cargo identification tools</i>	
<i>Interpretation of results</i>	
<i>Information Technology</i>	
<i>Other</i>	
Please specify the other areas	

**Q\_24** How many **FOREIGN** specialized personnel (Full Time Equivalent - FTE) do work in the following areas?

<i>Enforcement and control procedures</i>	
<i>Operations of cargo identification tools</i>	
<i>Interpretation of results</i>	
<i>Information Technology</i>	
<i>Other</i>	
Please specify the other areas	

Please indicate the **total number of FOREIGN personnel** (FTE) involved in national security-related issues:

**Q\_25** Does your institution provide/organize training in the following areas?

	Locally	Abroad
<i>Enforcement and control procedures</i>		
<i>Operations of cargo identification tools</i>		
<i>Interpretation of results</i>		
<i>Information Technology</i>		
<i>Other</i>		
Please specify the other areas		

**Q\_26** Have you established an audit mechanism for the goods control process?

Please detail this mechanism:

Q\_27 Is primary inspection carried out using active NII devices?

If Yes, please specify what type of screening methods:

Screening Method	Risks Detected	
X-Ray	Explosives, stolen/mislabeled goods, illegal drugs	
Gamma Ray	Explosives, stolen/mislabeled goods, illegal drugs	
Pulsed Fast Neutron Analysis	Explosives, illegal drugs	
Thermal Neutron Activation	Explosives	

**Any particular view on Cargo Identification issues?**

**Comments on Part ONE of this Questionnaire**

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**Our Group thanks you for your cooperation in completing this questionnaire.  
This is an important initiative and we look forward to working with you on this project in 2009.**

**Part TWO:  
Cargo identification equipment currently used**

This Part of the Questionnaire will review the technologies used for primary inspection, for secondary inspection as well as support facilities (Alarm stations) and staffing (Secondary Inspection Teams).

**PRIMARY INSPECTION and Radiation Portal Monitors (RPMs)**

**Q\_28** Is primary inspection carried with RPMs?

**Q\_29** What type(s) of RPMs?

	Model	Trademark	Mobility	Average age (years)	Number of units
Type #1					
Type #2					
Type #3					
Type #4					
Type #5					

If Other, please specify:

**Q\_30** Who owns the RPM(s)?

	Type #1	Type #2	Type #3	Type #4	Type #5
If Other, please specify:					

If a private service provider under contract:

Contract signed with					
If Other, please specify:					
Duration of the contract (years)					
Cost-basis for the contract					

**Q\_31** Who provides RPM maintenance?

	Type #1	Type #2	Type #3	Type #4	Type #5
If Other, please specify:					

If a private service provider under contract:

Contract signed with					
If Other, please specify:					
Duration of the contract (years)					
Cost-basis for the contract					

**Q\_32** Where are located the RPMs?

	Type #1	Type #2	Type #3	Type #4	Type #5
If Other, please specify:					

**Q\_33** Has the installation of the RPMs created a re-organisation of land use within the Port area?

	Type #1	Type #2	Type #3	Type #4	Type #5

**PRIMARY INSPECTION and Non-Intrusive Inspection Devices (NIIDs)**

**Q\_34** Is primary inspection carried out using active NIID devices?

If Yes, please specify what type of screening methods:

Screening Method	Risks Detected	
X-Ray	Explosives, stolen/mislabeled goods, illegal drugs	
Gamma Ray	Explosives, stolen/mislabeled goods, illegal drugs	
Pulsed Fast Neutron Analysis	Explosives, illegal drugs	
Thermal Neutron Activation	Explosives	

**Q\_35** What type(s) of X-Ray device(s)?

	Model	Trademark	Mobility	Average age (years)	Number of units
Type #1					
Type #2					
Type #3					
Type #4					
Type #5					

If Other, please specify:

**Q\_36** Who owns the X-Ray device(s)?

	Type #1	Type #2	Type #3	Type #4	Type #5

If Other, please specify:

If a private service provider under contract:

Contract signed with					
If Other, please specify:					
Duration of the contract (years)					
Cost-basis for the contract					

**Q\_37** Who provides tool maintenance?

	Type #1	Type #2	Type #3	Type #4	Type #5
If Other, please specify:					

If Other, please specify:

If a private service provider under contract:

Contract signed with					
If Other, please specify:					
Duration of the contract (years)					
Cost-basis for the contract					

**Q\_38** Where are located the X-Ray devices?

	Type #1	Type #2	Type #3	Type #4	Type #5
If Other, please specify:					

If Other, please specify:

**Q\_39** What type(s) of Gamma Ray device?

- Type #1
- Type #2
- Type #3
- Type #4
- Type #5

Model	Trademark	Mobility	Average age (years)	Number of units

If Other, please specify:

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**Q\_40** Who owns the Gamma-Ray device(s)?

If Other, please specify:

If a private service provider under contract:

Contract signed with

If Other, please specify:

Duration of the contract (years)

Cost-basis for the contract

Type #1	Type #2	Type #3	Type #4	Type #5


**Q\_41** Who provides tool maintenance?

If Other, please specify:

If a private service provider under contract:

Contract signed with

If Other, please specify:

Duration of the contract (years)

Cost-basis for the contract

Type #1	Type #2	Type #3	Type #4	Type #5


**Q\_42** Where are located the Gamma-Ray devices?

If Other, please specify:

Type #1	Type #2	Type #3	Type #4	Type #5

**Q\_43** What type(s) of Fast Neutron Analysis (FNA) device?

- Type #1
- Type #2
- Type #3
- Type #4
- Type #5

Model	Trademark	Mobility	Average age (years)	Number of units

If Other, please specify:

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**Q\_44** What type(s) of Thermal Neutron Activation (TNA) device?

- Type #1
- Type #2
- Type #3
- Type #4
- Type #5

Model	Trademark	Mobility	Average age (years)	Number of units

If Other, please specify:

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**Q\_45** Has the installation of the NIIDs created an additional re-organisation of land use within the Port area (in addition to the installation of RPMs)?

	X-Ray	Gamma Ray	FNA	TNA
Level of reorganization				



**PRIMARY INSPECTION and Track Devices**

**Q\_46** Have you installed the following types of track devices at major ports and airports handling international cargo?

	Port #1	Port #2	Airport #1	Airport #2
<b>OCR and Image recognition system</b> If Yes, please specify:				
<b>Electronic seal technology</b> If Yes, please specify:				
<b>Integrated Surveillance Intelligence System</b> If Yes, please specify:				

**Q\_47** Have you organized joint inspection lanes using both RPM and NIID technology, plus eventually, other cargo tracking device(s)?

If Yes, please describe the organization of your joint inspection lane(s):

If Yes, are the Alarm Stations serving both RPMs and NIIDs?




**Q\_48** The operation of the scanning process requires a team of officers. The composition of this team depends on the configuration of the site.

Could you indicate the size of this team at major ports and airports handling international cargo? Please refer to the following profiles.

	Port #1	Port #2	Airport #1	Airport #2
<b>Scanner manager</b> who ensures efficient operations of the scanning unit(s), including liaison with port/terminal authority and Customs intelligence officers.				
<b>Marshaller</b> who controls the movement of cargo and containers into and out of the scanning area.				
<b>Image analyst</b> who interprets the images from the scanning equipment. In case of mobile unit, the image analyst may also be the driver of the scanner.				
<b>Technical staff</b> who service and maintain the scanner.				
<b>Radiation expert</b> who ensures compliance with national (Health) regulations and issues scanning operation licences.				

	Type	Number
Other (Specify type and number of staff)		
Other (Specify type and number of staff)		
Other (Specify type and number of staff)		

**SECONDARY INSPECTION:  
Radioactive Isotope Identification Devices (RIIDs) and Personal Radiation Detectors (PRDs)**

Secondary inspection equipment is utilized to isolate the location of a radioactive source and to perform isotopic identification of the container's contents. This secondary equipment assists the operator in differentiating between naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) and weapons grade materials of concern.

Identification equipment ranges from hand-held radioactive isotope identification devices (RIIDs), Personal Radiation Detectors (PRDs) to large-scale advanced spectroscopic portals (ASP).

**Q\_49** Is secondary inspection carried out using RIIDs (for ex.: HPGe, NaI, or others)?

What type(s) of RIIDs?

- Type #1
- Type #2
- Type #3
- Type #4
- Type #5

Model	Trademark	Average age (years)	Number of units

If Other, please specify:

**Q-50** Is secondary inspection carried out using PRDs (for ex: survey meters, pagers, etc.)?

What type(s) of PRDs?

- Type #1
- Type #2
- Type #3
- Type #4
- Type #5

Model	Trademark	Average age (years)	Number of units

If Other, please specify:

**Q\_51** Have you installed advanced spectroscopic portals (ASP) at your major ports?

How many?

Are you planning to install ASPs at your major ports, in a near future?

How many?

**SECONDARY INSPECTION: Other common tools**

Other tools are also used for secondary inspection. These tools include vapor and trace detection systems, busters and canines.

**Q\_52** Are you using the following tools for secondary inspection?

Vapor detection systems	
Trace detection systems	
Busters	
Canines	

**Q\_53** What type(s) of Vapor Detection Systems?

- Type #1
- Type #2
- Type #3
- Type #4
- Type #5

Model	Trademark	Average age (years)	Number of units

If Other, please specify:

**Q\_54** What type(s) of Trace Detection Systems?

- Type #1
- Type #2
- Type #3
- Type #4
- Type #5

Model	Trademark	Average age (years)	Number of units

If Other, please specify:

**Q\_55** What type(s) of Busters?

- Type #1
- Type #2
- Type #3
- Type #4
- Type #5

Model	Trademark	Average age (years)	Number of units

If Other, please specify:

CANINES: Drug- and explosives-detecting canines are widely considered by security experts to be the most effective way to screen cargo since they have the fewest drawbacks of any method currently available. Dogs have a very sensitive sense of smell, and they can be trained to passively alert handlers of the presence of explosive materials or drugs. Properly trained canines very rarely give false positive alerts. Canines can be trained to detect either explosives or drugs, but should never be trained to detect both. Usually, a canine unit consists of 2 to 4 teams with 1 handler and 1 to 2 dogs per team.

**Q\_56** How many canine units do you have?

How many teams per canine unit do you have?

How many dogs per team do you have?

**Any particular view on Cargo Identification tools?**

[Redacted area]

**Comments on Part TWO of this Questionnaire**

[Redacted area]

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