Role of Customs in fighting against illegal trade: mission impossible?

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Statehood and illegal trade: a theoretical discourse

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- Between legality and illegality
- On state control and sovereignty
- ‘Heroisation’ of smugglers
90% of world trade by volume is carried by sea

International freight volumes to reach 34.5 mln tonnes by 2016

Airlines will carry 3.6 billion passengers by 2016 (an increase of 831 million passengers since 2011)

Data source: IATA, 2012
Illegal trade: a new face of the old problem?
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Globalisation of enforcement

Advocacy and research

Burden sharing