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Motto

Our motto is:
To prevent illegal trade and to promote legal trade.

- Prevent: controls, supervisions, prevents, punishes, …
- Promote:
  - cooperation with the participants in customs procedures (importers, exporters, forwarding agents, shipping agents, …): contact group for the economy, joint meetings, educations, trainings, …
  - simplified procedures, AEO status, …

Main functions

Our main functions are:

- fiscal function: collection of taxes for the functioning of the Republic of Slovenia and the EU.
- Protection: prevention of the entry into the EU of counterfeit and dangerous goods and goods that do not meet the conditions for entry.
- In this way we protect all EU residents, not just residents of Slovenia

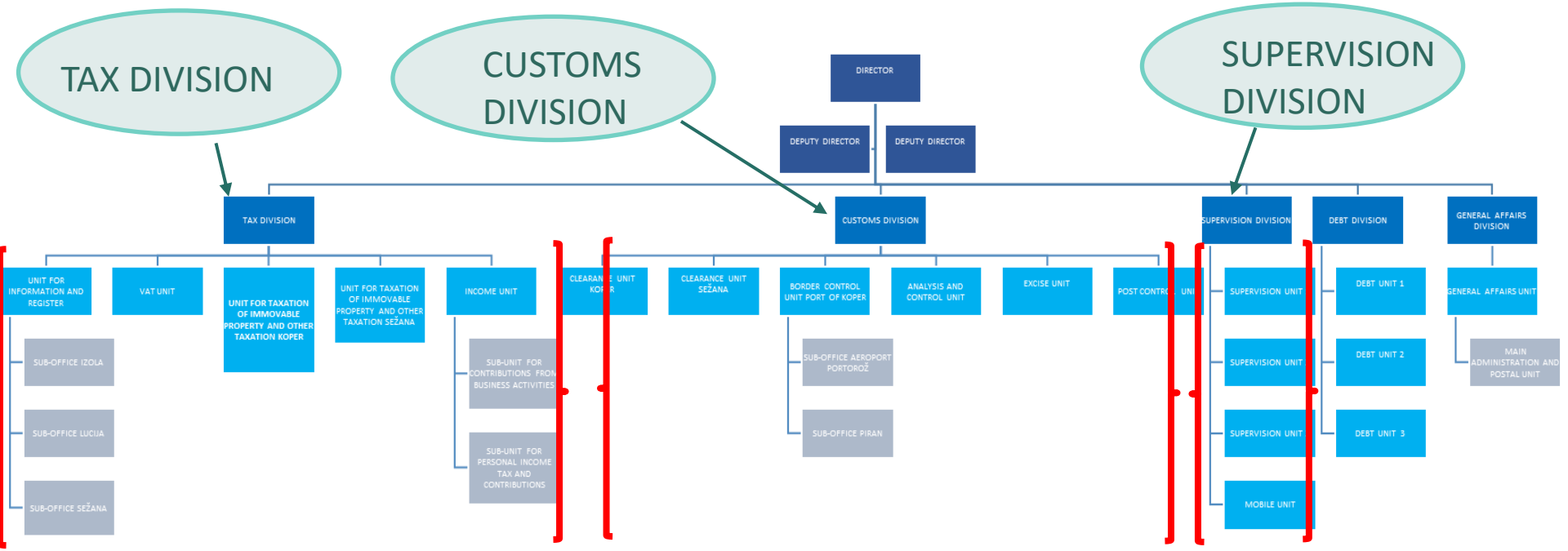
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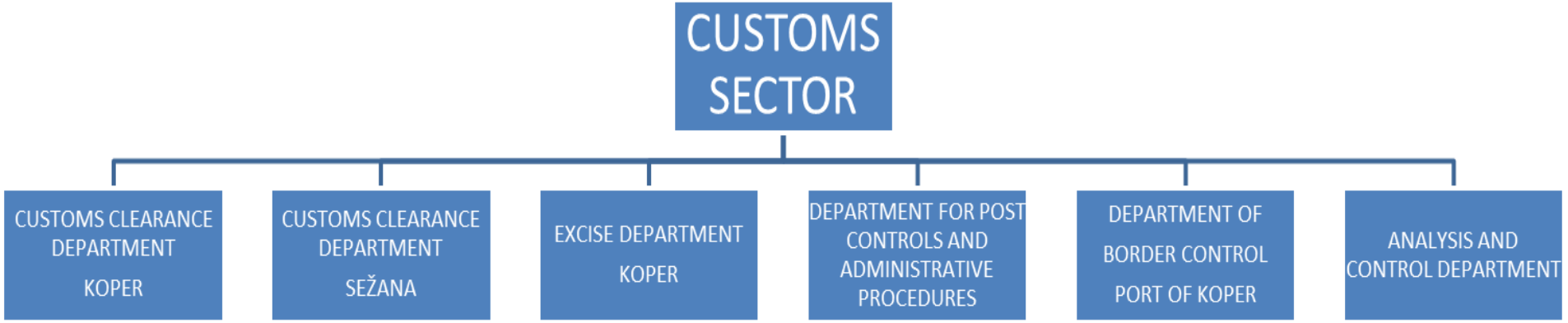
Sixteen Financial Offices

- 8 WITH CUSTOMS AND TAX FUNCTION (one of these is FO Koper)
- 7 WITH TAX FUNCTION ONLY
- 1 SPECIAL FINANCIAL OFFICE WITH TAKS FUNCTION ONLY (in Ljubljana, for the „biggest“ companies, banks, gambling companies,…)

Organization scheme of Koper Financial Office – **358** employees (April, 2026)

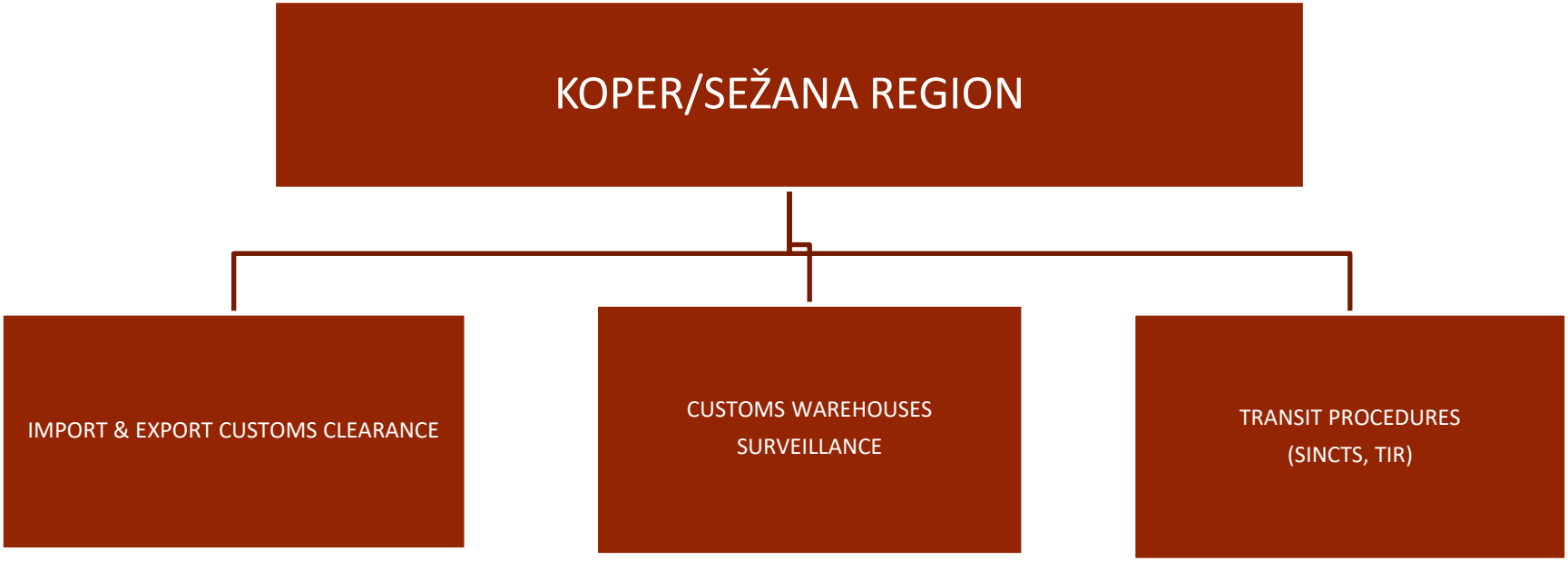


Customs Division

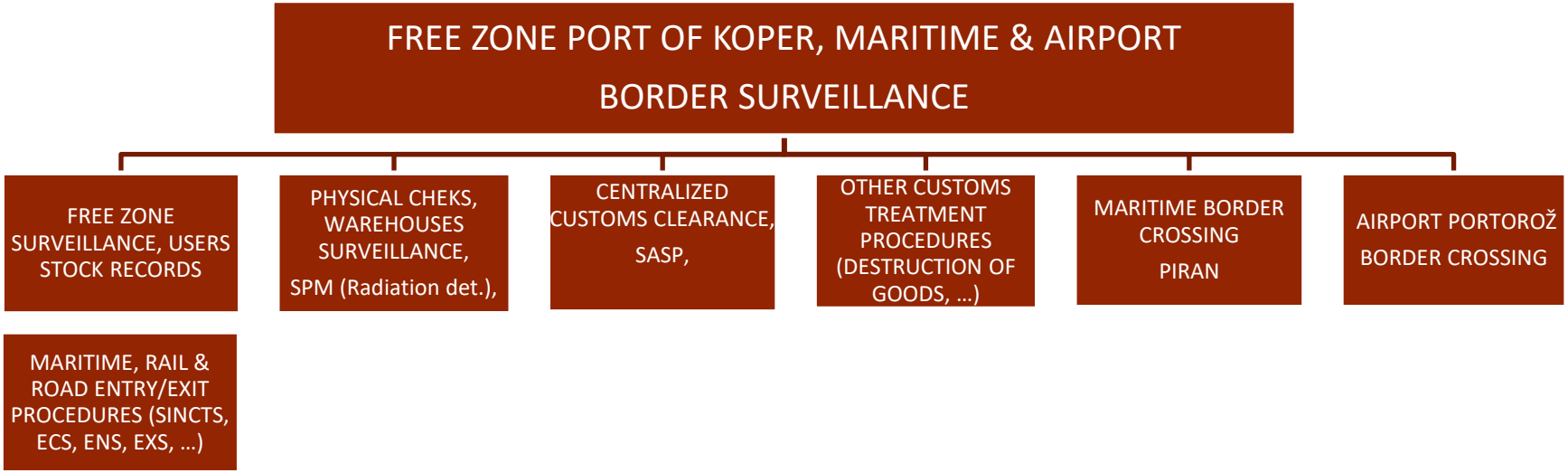


Number of employees - May, 2026:
FO Koper: 358, Customs Sector: 148
Koper Customs Clearance Department: 24, Sežana Customs Clearance Department: 6, Excise Department: 11, Analysis and Control Department : 19, Department of Border Control Port of Koper: 75, Department of Post Control: 12, Head of Customs sector: 1

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE DEPARTMENT



PORT OF KOPER BORDER CONTROL DEPARTMENT



LOGISTICS FLOWS



ACTIVITIES IN THE CUSTOMS FIELD

Already carried out:
- new import system (SIAIS)
- new export system (SIAES)
- new transit system (SINCTS)
- new EU entry control system (ICS2 R3) - for maritime, railway and road transport

OPPORTUNITIES

- Simplified procedures:
  - Single Authorization for Simplified Procedures (SASP)/Centralized Clearance)
  - Pre-clearance (import customs clearance on board)
- Possibility of customs clearance 24/7
- Procedure 42 (import)
- A lot of experience in the field of customs clearance
- Professional staff
- Efficient customs service
- Good cooperation with port authorities (Port of Koper) and inspection services (veterinary, phytosanitary), …

„Pre-clearance“- Import Customs Clearance on Board

Advantages:

- A holder receives notification of the control of the goods before the ship arrives in Koper, which provides him with the advance information necessary for further handling of the goods
- Unloading of goods for which controls are not foreseen can begin as soon as the ship arrives in port
- Pre-clearance is carried out 24/7/365
- The procedure cannot be used for goods under veterinary and phytosanitary control.
- It is considered that the holder of the AEOC status meets the conditions.

Procedure 42

Procedure 42 is a simplified import procedure for non-Community goods which does not require payment of VAT at customs upon import; instead, it is paid at the destination country in the European Union.

A person who is not established in Slovenia but is established in another Member State (importer) may release goods for free circulation under procedure 42 if he identifies himself for VAT purposes in Slovenia or appoints a tax representative in Slovenia.

Procedure 42

Advantages:

- Exemption from VAT payment; Vat is "paid" in the country of final destination (postponed accounting)
- When entering the EU, only customs duties are payable.
- Reduced financial burden
- Competitiveness in the supply chain

T1 – Transit Procedure - Simplified Procedure

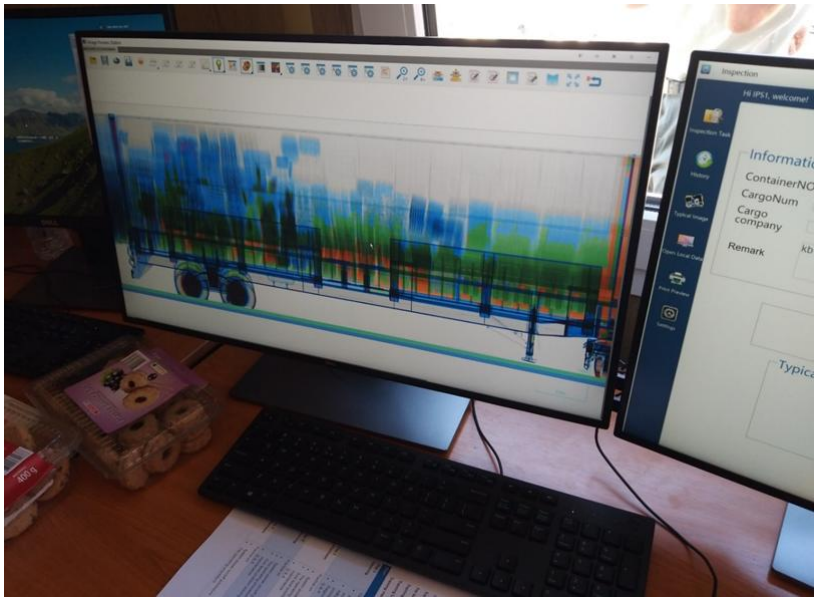
Two types of authorisations:

- authorized consignor (at the customs office of departure)
- authorized consignee (at the customs office of destination)

T1 – Transit Procedure - Simplified Procedure

- These two authorisations can also be used in the port of Koper.
- Advantages:
  - faster procedure,
  - lower costs
  - the holder can take on the "role of the customs authority"

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Sniffer dog - for drugs and cigarettes



High-profile seizures in 2020

- more than 12 tons of **GBL - liquid ecstasy**





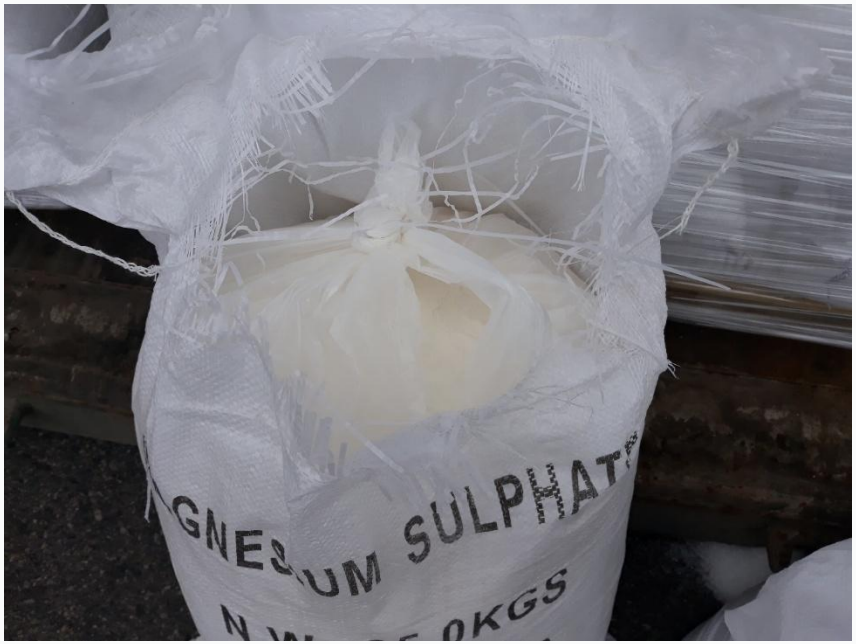
High-profile seizures in 2021

- 737,851 kg of **cocaine** detected in five cases. In the interior of the country, in connection with the cargo that arrived via the port of Koper in two cases, an additional 516 kg of cocaine.
- 216,30 kg of **heroin**



High-profile seizures in 2022

- 496,46 kg of **cocaine**
- 1,518 kg of **BMK glycidic acid** (prohibited ingredients for the production of the drug amphetamine) at a shipping container



High-profile seizures in 2024

- 250 kg of **cocaine**
- 10 kg of **cocaine**
- 3.050 kg of **kratom** (Mitragyna speciosa) - rape drug



High-profile seizures in 2025

- Kratom - 2.629,42 kg
- 2025: Hemp - 3039 packages with a total weight of 925,68 kg
- 1.540 pieces of cold weapons
- 10.000.000 pieces of cigarettes









High-profile seizures of **counterfeit goods** of the last period in Port of Koper

- 2020: 421.755 pieces
- 2021: 98.000 pieces
- 2022: 71.945 pieces
- 2023: 232.395 pieces
- 2024: 53.873 pieces
- 2025: 51.140 pieces

Counterfeit goods are of different types. From toys, footwear, clothing, electronic devices, spare parts, technical accessories to white goods and other appliances. We have also discovered counterfeit phytopharmaceuticals.



High-profile seizures of **cigarettes and tobacco** of the last period in Port of Koper and at inland office of Koper Financial Office

- 2022: **7.200.000,00** pieces of cigarettes (seized by a mobile unit in the truck inside the country)
- 2024: **10.500.000,00 pieces** of cigarettes in container and **125 box** of cigarette removed illegal from the ship‘s stores
- 2025: **10.200.000 pieces of** cigarettes





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Thank you for your attention!

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