

CUSTOMS DRUGS WATCH



CONFIDENTIAL FREEPHONE 1800 295 295

HAVE YOU SEEN OR HEARD
ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS?
WE NEED YOUR HELP!



CUSTOMS AND EXCISE ENFORCEMENT

This booklet has been produced by Revenue's Customs Service to allow you, the public, assist Customs in tackling smuggling, especially Drug Smuggling.

Drug smuggling is an international problem - the misuse of drugs is one of the great social ills of our time that affects individuals, families and whole communities. A critical element of tackling the problem is reducing supply - one of the four pillars of the National Drugs Strategy.

The Customs Service is tasked with the responsibility for the prevention, detection and seizure of controlled drugs at importation.

We seek to enlist your help in tackling drug smuggling. You can assist Customs in combating smuggling by noting any unusual or suspicious activities in your area and contacting your local Customs Drugs Watch Officer IMMEDIATELY.

HOW YOU CAN HELP?

- > Be observant, note any unusual, unlawful or suspicious activity and report this as soon as possible to your local Customs Drugs Watch Officer.
- > You are most familiar with your own surroundings; the countryside, the coastal and offshore areas, aircraft and vessel movements. Remember, you are the best placed person to notice anything unusual.
- > By noting suspicious or unusual activity and contacting your local Customs Drugs Watch Officer, you are assisting us in preventing illegal smuggling activity.



DRUGS DOG 'SPICE'

*All information received
will be dealt with in the
strictest confidence.*

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR:

Shipping

- › Yachts & pleasure craft sighted in remote areas
- › Crew making landings in remote areas
- › Unusual objects at sea or ashore such as buoys or signalling devices
- › Possible unauthorised landings by foreign vessels
- › Merchant shipping at anchor close to land or islands
- › Ships away from their normal shipping lanes
- › Ships signalling ashore or being met by small craft
- › Vessels operating at night without lights
- › Packages floating in the sea, lying on the beach or hidden close to the shore



Aircraft

- Unusual or suspicious aircraft movements
- Aircraft operating at night without lights
- Aircraft touching down or landing on isolated airstrips
- Objects dropped from aircraft
- Packages lying close to or adjacent to an airfield or airstrip
- Other activity which you consider unusual for your area



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HOW TO REPORT

- If the incident relates to a vessel, aircraft or vehicle, identify it immediately, perhaps from the numbered silhouettes in this booklet.

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- Note the time, date and place, name of vessel, registration number of vehicle, vessel or aircraft, colours, people involved, plus a brief description of what you actually saw. The more details you note the better.
- *Often it is easier to ignore suspicions rather than report them. Now you have the opportunity to report them. Please see the contact details at the back of this booklet.*

WARNING!

- For your own protection – do NOT involve yourself in any incident.
- Do NOT attempt to contact the authorities by RADIO unless there is an emergency, as you may be overheard.
- If you locate goods, do NOT disturb the site just report the location, including coordinates. Disturbing the goods could destroy vital evidence that may identify those responsible.

IDENTIFICATION GUIDE

1 Passenger



2 Tanker



3 Container



4 Bulk Loader



5 Cargo



6 RoRo



7 Trawler



8 Motorised Fishing Vessel (MFV)



9 Cabin Cruiser



10 Yacht



11 Tug



12 Turbo Prop Plane



13 Small Plane



14 Helicopter



LOCAL CUSTOMS DRUGS WATCH OFFICERS

BANTRY	(027) 51 562
CASTLEBAR	(094) 902 3378
CLONES	(047) 52 600
CORK	(021) 602 7700
DONEGAL	(074) 916 9491
DUBLIN AIRPORT	(087) 243 0558
DUBLIN PORT & DÚN LAOGHAIRE	(01) 839 1366
DUNDALK	(042) 933 1606
GALWAY	(091) 536 342
ROSSLARE	(053) 916 1320
LIMERICK/SHANNON	(061) 474 271
SLIGO	(087) 242 4296
TRALEE/KERRY	(066) 712 8540
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