



# SCREENING CHAPTER 01 FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS

#### **AGENDA ITEM: EXTERNAL BORDER CHECKS**

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#### PRODUCT SAFETY LEGISLATION

- The Framework Law No.4703 transposed the principles of General Product Safety Directive;
  - ✓ Producers, importers and distributors have to place only safe products on the market,
  - ✓ Product requirements based on general safety requirement and specific requirements in "vertical" regulations,
  - ✓ Public authorities are responsible to carry out market surveillance and enforcement.
- Conformity checks with the rules on product safety in the case of imported products are specified by the Decree on Technical Regulations and Standardization for Foreign Trade.





#### **TRANSPOSITION OF REGULATION 339/93/EEC**

- The adaptation policy;
  - ✓ to have initially a good understanding of its practical implementation in the EU,
  - ✓ to establish necessary administrative and technical structure in the country
- The instruments used;
  - ✓ technical assistance through several EU Projects (TAIEX, Matra/PSO etc.)
  - ✓ study visits to the Member States (Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, Sweden, etc.)





#### THE MATRA PROJECT ON 339/93/EEC

- The Project;
  - ✓ Supported by the Netherlands
  - ✓ Customs and public authorities of both parties participated
- The targets;
  - ✓ to compare relevant national legislation with 339/93/EEC
  - ✓ to create a common understanding of its practical implementation in Turkey through pilot projects
  - ✓ to share the experience obtained from the Project to the other relevant parties





#### REQUIREMENTS FOR ADAPTATION

- Customs authorities should have;
  - ✓ necessary technical information and / or,
  - ✓ at least a list of risky products
- The application of "Risk Analysis" is crucial,
- A close co-operation and an effective communication among relevant parties,
- A strong administrative and technical infrastructure,
- The decision must be taken within 3 working days.





#### STEPS TAKEN FOR ADAPTATION

- The Decree was revised in October 2005,
- A regulation has been drafted to transpose 339/93/EEC and sent to the Commission for its views,
- A hand-book has been prepared for practical implementation,
- Product Safety System has been developed for effective communication and risk analysis,
- Pilot implementation has started for a few product groups (PPE and Toys).





# HOW IT WORKS - I (DETERMINATION OF RISKY PRODUCTS)

- Products Safety System (PSS) becomes an important tool for determination of products to be subject to import checks;
  - ✓ Storage and assessment of the data,
  - ✓ Rapid, effective and reliable communication between the parties.
- Risk-analysis is based on search-profile by relevant authorities;
  - ✓ Market surveillance results, complaints, accidents, notifications (RAPEX) etc.
- Search-profile;
  - ✓ CN-code, importer, manufacturer, country, time-period etc.





# HOW IT WORKS - II (SUSPENSION FOR FREE CIRCULATION)

- Undersecretariat for Foreign Trade (UFT) notifies the "Risky Products" to the Customs,
- When these products are declared, the customs authorities suspend the release and notify regional inspectorates,
- Only products coming from third countries are subject to border checks.



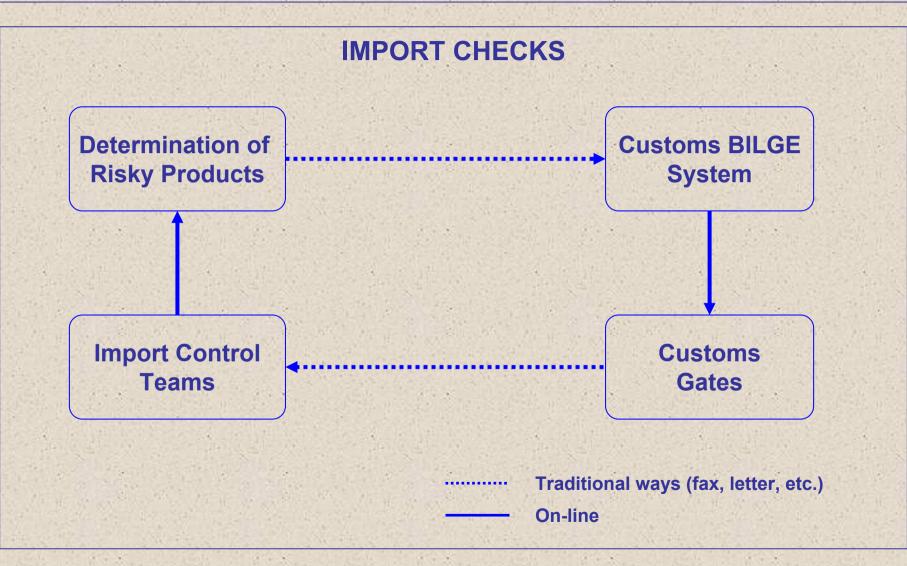


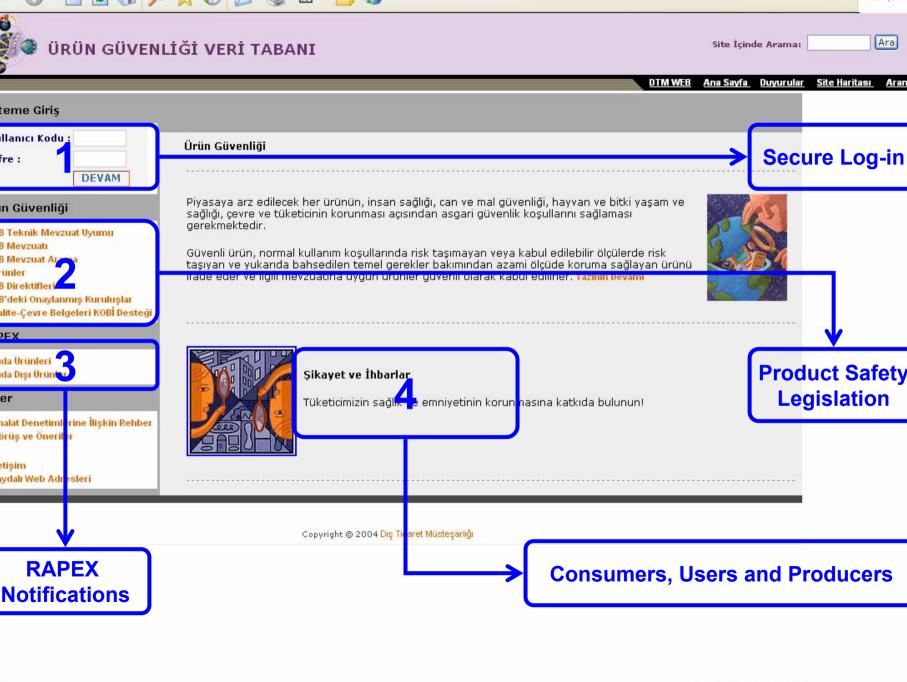
# HOW IT WORKS - III (INSPECTION OF SHIPMENT)

- Inspections are based on:
  - √ compliance of documents / marking / labeling
  - ✓ sampling / laboratory tests
- Decision is taken within 3 working days.
- Result;
  - ✓ release for free circulation or,
  - ✓ refusal
- Sanctions depend on the results of inspections,
- All inspections are recorded in PSS for risk analysis.

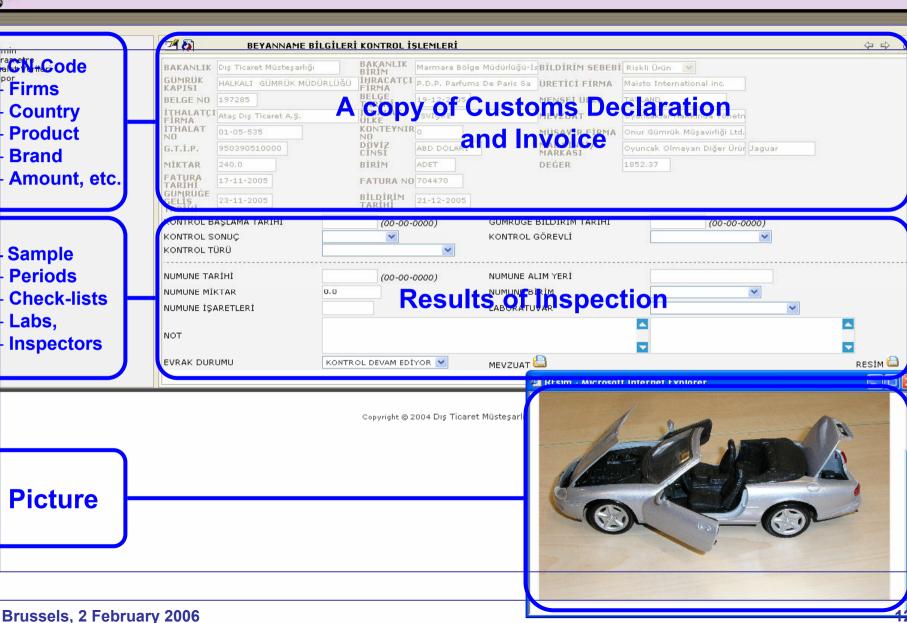








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#### **NEXT STEPS**

- A time-table for other sectors,
- On-line communication between PSS and BILGE,
- Self-assessment of data by PSS to define risky products,
- Extension of PSS to internal market surveillance (a pilot project has been initiated),
- Extension of PSS to RAPEX notifications,
- Quality assurance of import control procedure.





#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION