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FAKE MEDICINES QUARTERLY REVIEW – JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2014



IRACM compiles the global news issued on fake and falsified / counterfeit medicines during the last three months. The quarterly review also presents the IRACM key initiatives.

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SEMINAR ON ORGANIZED CRIME IN PERU



On 20 and 21 October 2014 in Lima, IRACM was invited at the French Embassy for a seminar on "Drug trafficking and organized crime" and presented the interest of the transnational organized crime on falsification of medicines, its strategies and the impact on the global economy.

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Dismantling of a network of medicines counterfeiters

About 64,000 suspected counterfeit pills worth about US\$200,000 were seized. Two men and two women were arrested. [MORE...](#)

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More than 11.500 million pesos a year for organized crime

Authorities said 6 out of 10 medicines sold in Mexico would be illicit. [MORE...](#)

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PHARMACRIME IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA



IRACM and the International Cooperation of the French Ministry of Interior (DCI) have organized a seminar in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 14 & 15 October 2014. The aim was to bring together representatives of law enforcement agencies, customs and health agencies from each of the 14 South-East Asian countries.

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OPERATION BIYELA 2: RECORD SEIZURE OF ILLICIT AND/OR COUNTERFEIT PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS IN 14 COUNTRIES IN AFRICA



During a joint press conference held in Paris on 22 September 2014, IRACM and WCO presented the operation Biyela 2 which was running from May 26th to June 4th 2014 in the main sea ports of Sub-Saharan Africa and opened the way to the seizure of 113 million illicit and/or counterfeit pharmaceuticals potentially dangerous for health.

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WCO AND IRACM: A DYNAMIC COLLABORATION AIMED AT COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN COUNTERFEIT DRUGS IN AFRICA



Through a three-year partnership and 352 containers inspected, 756 million illicit and counterfeit pharmaceutical products were intercepted in 24 African sea ports: Vice Grips 2 in 2012, Biyela in 2013 and Biyela 2 in 2014.

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The American State of Maine votes for importing drugs from international e-Pharmacies

In October 2013, a law was passed allowing residents of the American State of Maine to buy prescription drugs on the internet from foreign brokers licensed in Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australia. [MORE...](#)

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Operation Pharmakon: Illegal resale and export of medicines

25 accused and 15 pharmacies involved in an extensive trafficking in the Spanish province of Aragon. [MORE...](#)

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Seizure of illicit and counterfeit medicines

Fake and illicit drugs worth almost \$700,000 were seized in North of Nigeria. A police officer was arrested. [MORE...](#)

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A team to fight against cybercrime

The government has planned to create a team specialized in the fight against cybercrime which represents a major threat in the country with fake medicines.

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