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Cotecna Awarded United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Contract

“Work will help Customs to better control dangerous chemicals”

Cotecna, the international trade inspection and training group, has been awarded a contract for the development of Customs assistance materials within the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

This 12 month pilot project will focus on providing assistance and capacity building to Senegal Customs in the scope of the global implementation of the Stockholm Convention related to Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).

POPs are chemicals that remain intact in the environment for a long period of time and are toxic to humans and to wildlife. The Stockholm Convention entered into force in May 2004 and has been ratified by 110 countries. In implementing the Convention, governments commit to take measures to eliminate or reduce the release of POPs into the environment.

Within this pilot project, Cotecna will focus on enhancing the competencies of Customs as they play a critical role in identifying, evaluating and tracing POPs in import-export activities.

Cotecna will draw upon its long standing and market leading experience in Customs training to design specific materials and training documentation for Customs. Cotecna will work in close collaboration with UNEP Chemicals experts.

Robert Massey, CEO Cotecna said, “The UNEP has recognised Cotecna’s excellent track record in delivering the kind of services required for this vital project. We are proud to have the opportunity to assist governments to protect mankind against these toxic chemicals”

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