

Press release

World Customs Organization Integrity Diagnostic Mission

11-15 March 2019, the World Customs Organization Integrity Diagnostic Mission was held at the headquarters of the State Revenue Committee of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Kazakhstan (SRC).

WCO has developed a robust anti-corruption program aimed at providing technical support to customs administrations in developing effective anti-corruption strategies. The program includes the development of tools for the adoption of international standards aimed at ensuring integrity and combating corruption. Strategic advisory support, institutional development and technical assistance are also an integral part of this program.

Over the past three years, the WCO Secretariat has organized about 45 technical assistance missions to the WCO member countries. In the 2017/2018 fiscal year, about 15 customs administrations received WCO support in countering corruption.

The WCO diagnostic mission in Kazakhstan is aimed at analyzing the compliance of customs administration with WCO standards and anti-corruption tools.

The main objective of the mission is to assess the degree of implementation of the 10 elements of the revised WCO Arusha Declaration and to provide support to the customs service of Kazakhstan in increasing opportunities in matters related to the fight against corruption.

Two WCO experts were sent to hold the event: Mr. Per Arvid Nordli - Director of the International Relations Department of the Norwegian Customs Administration and Mr. Alvaro Fernandes - Expert of the Spanish Customs Administration.