The Role of Customs at the Border

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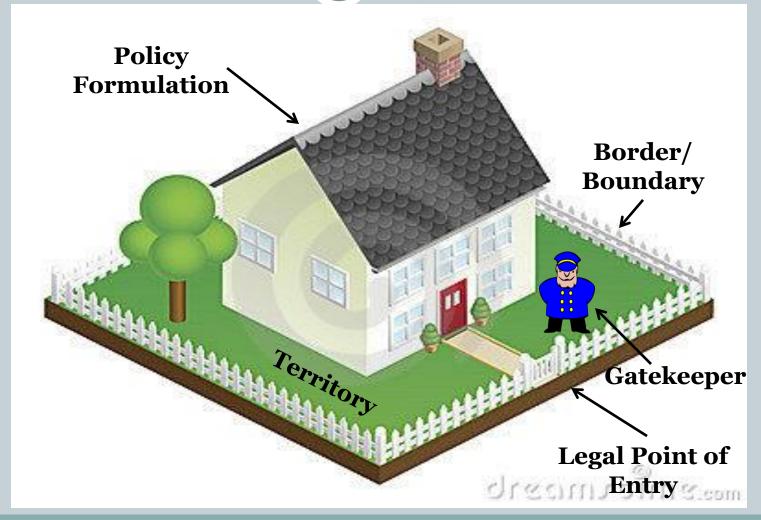
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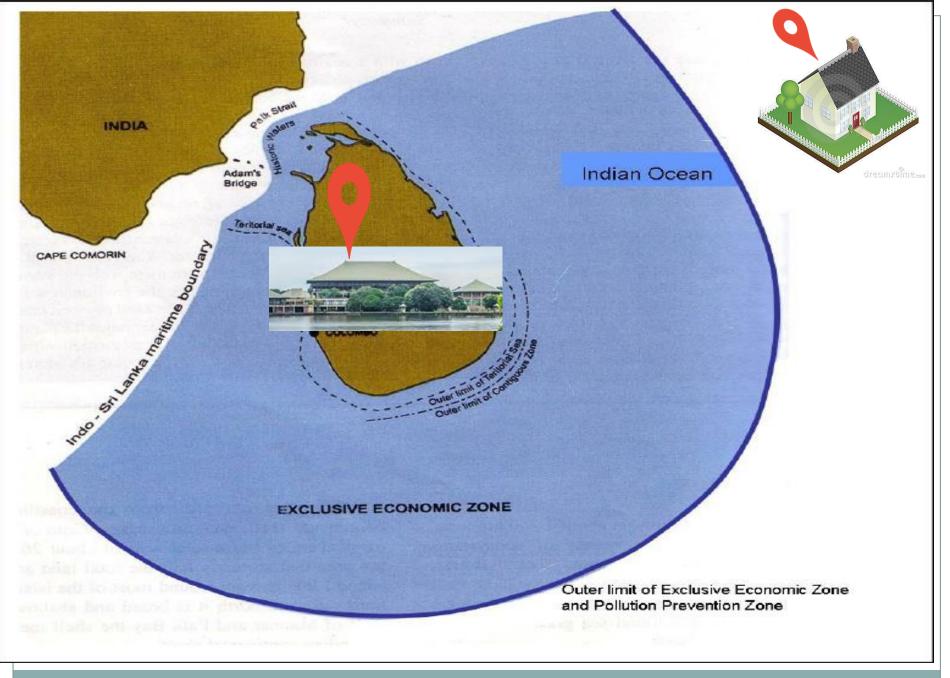
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What is Customs?







Customs as a Gatekeeper

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The Customs Ordinance – Chapter 235
 (Enacted in 1869 and amended around 48 times)

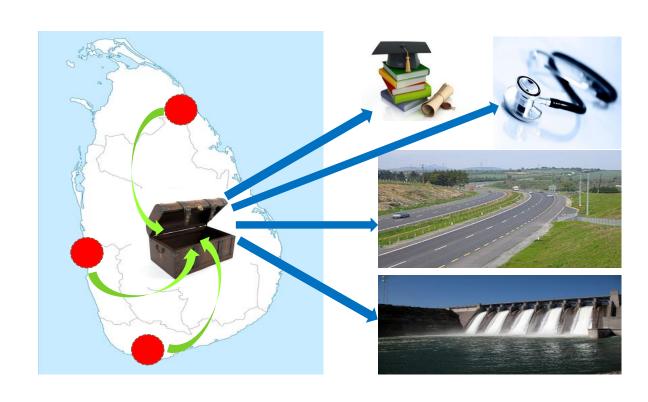


- All functions and limitations of customs are enumerated
 Customs is empowered to a continuous co
- Customs is empowered to enforce restrictions therein
- Around 27 Customs Related Legislation (including Subsidiary Legislation)



Your Tax Money at Work





Customs as a Collector

- Collectors of Taxes at the border (around 52% of the total tax revenue)
- Collects around 7 categories of taxes on importation (tariffs)
 - Customs Duty payable in terms of Schedule "A" of the Customs Ordinance (chapter 235)
 - \times VAT
 - × Excise Duty
 - × PAL
 - × NBT
 - × SCL
 - × EDB Cess





Collection of Taxes

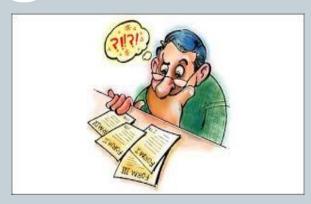
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Direct Taxes

> Income Tax

Indirect Taxes

- > Import Taxes
 - Customs Duty
 - > VAT
 - > PAL
 - > NBT
 - > Cess





Customs as a Protector

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- Protectors of Bio Diversity
- Protectors of the Heritage
- Protectors of the Society
- Protectors ofetc









Customs as a Protector

- Consignment declared as "Paan Masala"
- -8 X 40' Containers
- Total Nett wt64 mt
- 36 million sachets
- 4 months consumption



You think this is not happening???

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Well....

Think Again...



.....and again.....





Customs as a Facilitator



Passengers

- **x** Green Channel
- ▼ UPB Ware Houses across the country
- Simplified declaration forms

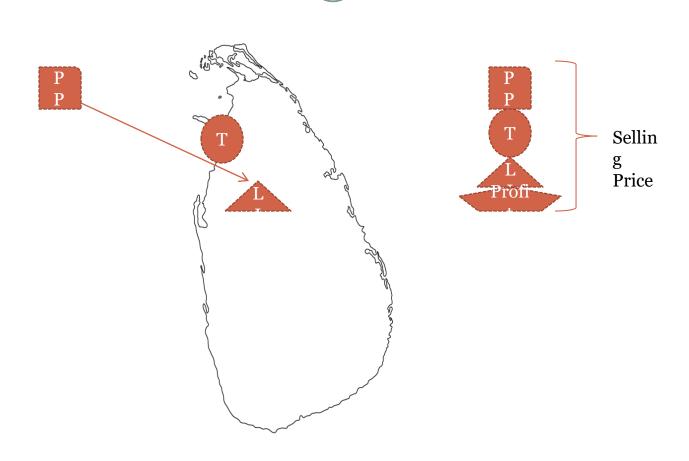
Trade

- International Tools applied
- Facilitation Schemes to promote trading
 - Bonding
 - TIEP I & IV
 - Entrepot
 - Etc...
- e-submission of Customs Declarations



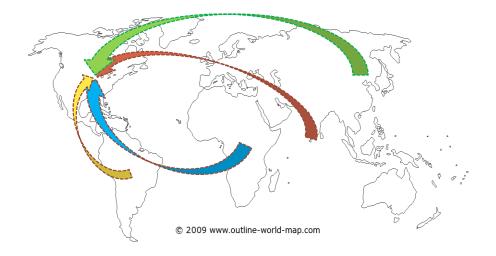


Impact of Customs Duties at the Border



Global Competition

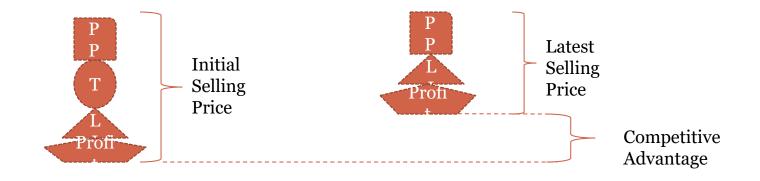




Main Competing Element: Price

How to arrive at a competitive price?





What if you could omit the "Tax" component?

Would it make you more competitive?

Main Objectives of Customs

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Collection of Revenue

Protection of Society



Enforcement of Customs & other laws at the border

Facilitation of Trade

Questions?



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Session Break