

**Information by the State Customs Committee of the Republic of
Azerbaijan on report to the General Assembly on torture-free trade:
examining the feasibility, scope and parameters for possible common
international standards**

We would like to bring for your kind attention the following information related to the scope of functions of the customs authorities in relation to the trade in goods mentioned in your questionnaire:

First of all, we would like to highlight that on February 10, 1998 Republic of Azerbaijan abolished the capital punishment and on January 25, 2001 it was replaced with life imprisonment.

At the same time, "Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms" and its Protocols No. 1, 4, 6 and 7, signed in Rome on November 4, 1950 were approved by the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan № 236-IIQ dated December 25, 2001 with relevant statements and reservations. According to the Article 3 of the said Convention, no one shall be subjected to torture or to inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Furthermore, "Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment" was approved by the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan № 724-IIIQD dated December 2, 2008.

Regarding the paragraph 6 of the questionnaire, we believe that the proposed common international standards provide for strict control of trade in goods that could be used for the purpose of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and capital punishment. Additionally, it would be highly appreciated if you could provide us the information about the manufacturers of the mentioned goods. In our turn as a Vice-Chair of the WCO Europe Region in order to raise awareness in this field we will share this information with the Member Countries.

At the same time, we would like to inform you that import, export and transfer of the goods indicated in the paragraph 8 of the introduction to this questionnaire are regulated by the Law of the Republic of Azerbaijan № 960-IIQ dated June 28, 2005 on "Approval of lists of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors, circulation of which on the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan is prohibited, restricted and under control, as well as precursors for importation, exportation, transit and production of which on the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan the license (special permission) is required" and Presidential Decree № 292 dated September 12, 2005 on "Additional measures on regulation of circulation of goods civil circulation of which on the territory of the Republic of Azerbaijan is restricted".

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation.