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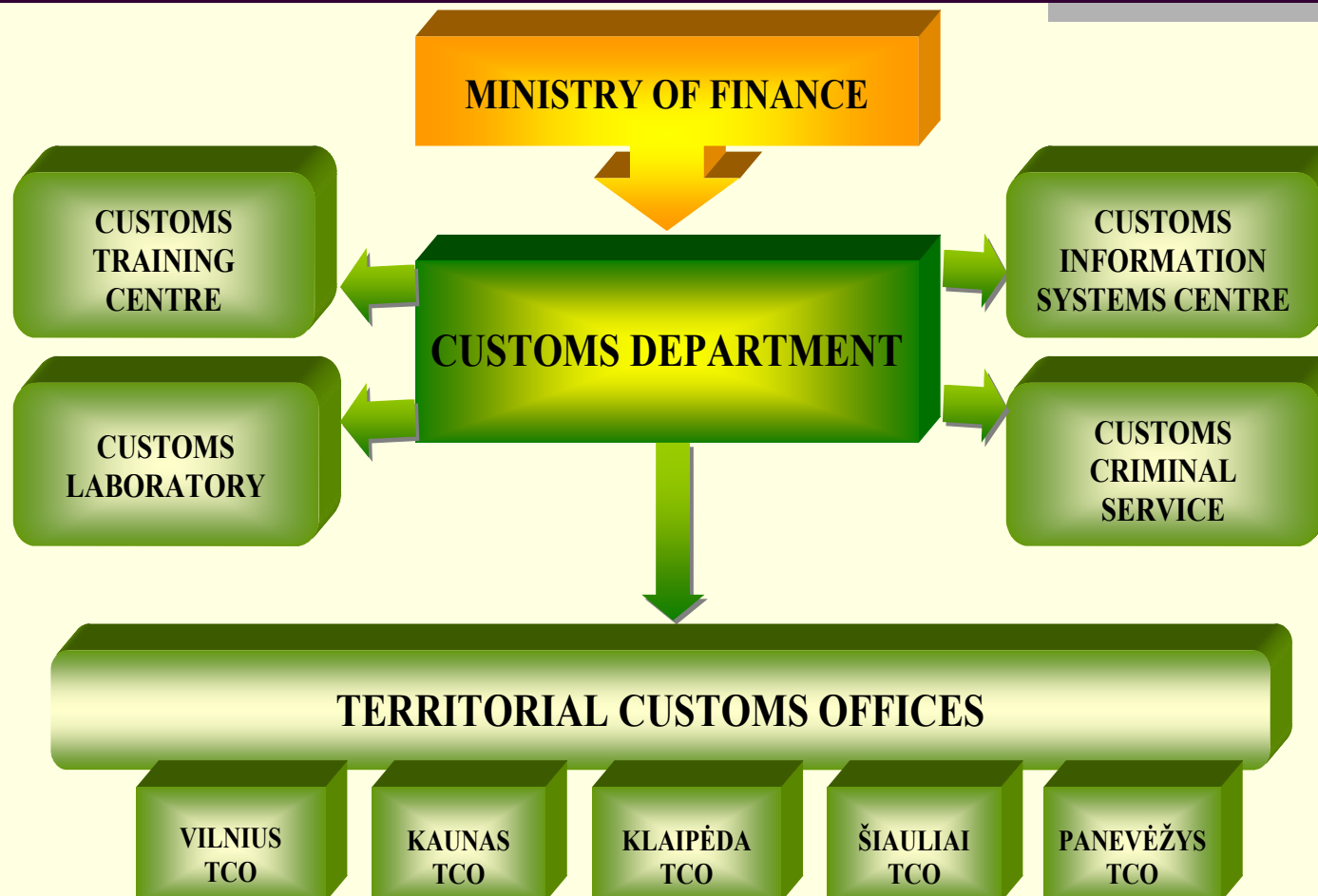
Protection of Intellectual Property Rights

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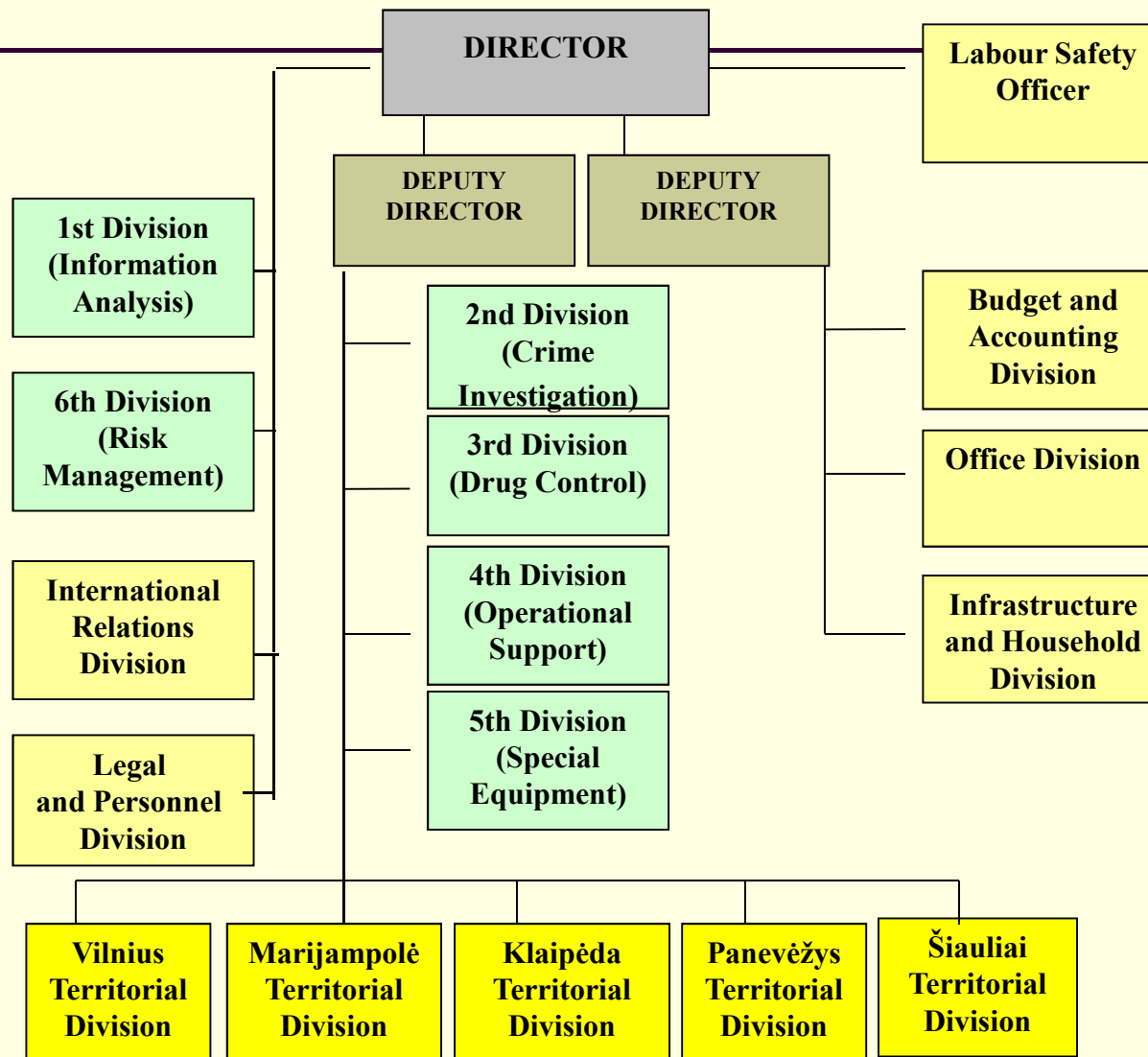


Lithuanian customs structure



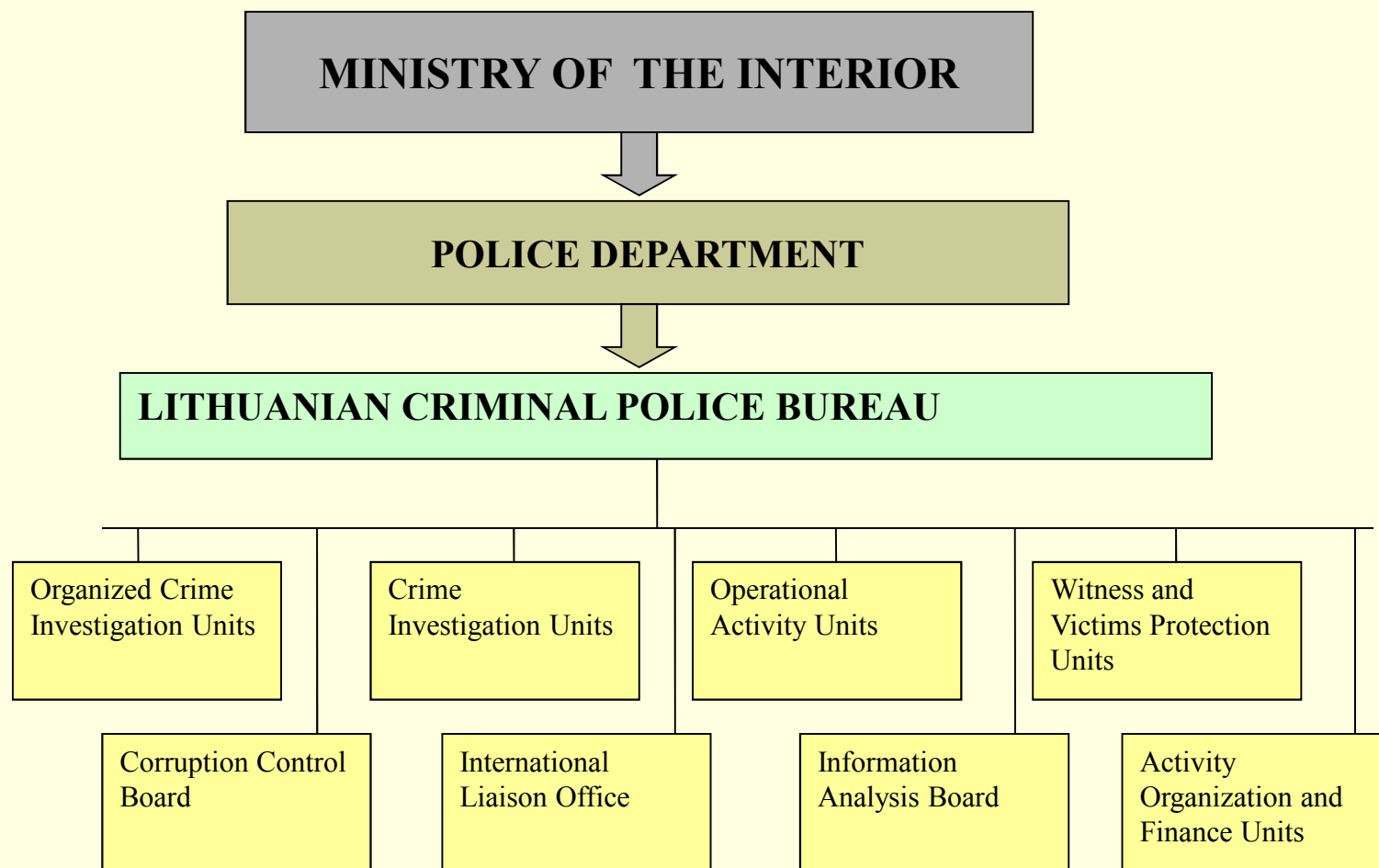


ORGANISATION STRUKTURE OF THE CUSTOMS CRIMINAL SERVICE





Lithuanian police structure





Lithuanian Criminal Police Bureau

- Located in the capital of Lithuania – Vilnius;
- Overtakes the investigation of intellectual property-related criminal activity when:
 - It is executed within the territory of several districts or countries;
 - It is executed by the organised group;
 - Its investigation requires special knowledge.
- Specialized LCPB unit – the Intellectual Property Protection Unit.



The Intellectual Property Protection Unit

- Belongs to 2nd Crime Investigation Board of the LCPB.
- Main functions:
 - Crime detection and investigation;
 - Coordination of district-located officers' work; takeover of resonant cases;
 - Analysis of legal acts;
 - Accumulation and analysis of classified information;
 - Cooperation with public organizations and other law-enforcement institutions.



Statistics and tendencies of intellectual property-related crimes

Period	Checks done	Priertial investigations in criminal cases started	Administrative cases started	Material media confiscated	Amount of illegally reproduced production
2007	420	114	146	46 500	256 000
2008	430	97	116	59 000	450 000
2009	420	74	122	36 000	890 000

- ◆ The 'pirates' have moved to the digital environment – the Internet.



Control and Coordination by Prosecution

- The pre-trial investigation is organised and conducted, and the public prosecution is sustained by a public prosecutor.
- Structure:
 - General Prosecution Service;
 - 5 county prosecution services;
 - 51 city and regional circuit prosecution services.



Control and Coordination by Prosecution

- The Pre-trial Investigation Control Unit of the General Prosecution Service organises and conducts the investigation of criminal activities, related to the intellectual property, detected by the LCPB and the territorial police units (in some cases).
- Functions:
 - Security of legality;
 - Coordination of crime investigation activity;
 - Formation of single practice;
 - Analysis of criminality;
 - Provision of aid to pre-trial institutions;
 - Provision of draft criminal laws.



Character of Violation

- Websites containing links to illegal download of the product (international servers enabling the users to upload the information (products) – RapidShare, Megaupload, etc – and ‘sell’ the links);
- Illegal P2P networks (Torrent search engines, Torrent trackers, DC++, eMule, etc);
- Lithuanian Internet service providers’ (ISP) FTP servers;
- Websites, the owners of which sell illegal copies of the product (CD, DVD).



The Scope of Right Violation on the Internet

- International scope: there are approximately 1000 public DC++ hubs, Torrent trackers, eMule and other P2P networks;
- Practically, around 80-90% of ISP have FTP servers, in which copyright and adjacent rights are being violated;
- As an average of 1000-2000 users download each newly produced product in one P2P network;
- As a result, Lithuanian distributors of intellectual property might suffer up till 4 million litas (approx. 1,15 million Euro) of damages a month.



Harm of Lithuanian Internet 'Piracy'

- Approximately 30% of all intellectual property-related crimes are made on the Internet or with the help of it.
- There are approximately 15 Torrent P2P networks, 60 larger DC++ public hubs and other P2P networks in Lithuania, containing around 150 000 users.
- ISP FTP servers contain around 200 000 users.
- Thus in total there are around 350 000 users, who distribute or download product copies illegally. According to the polls, as an average, 1 user downloads 5 movies, 3-5 music albums and 3 games a month.
- Copyright owners suffer considerable damages as a result of Internet 'piracy'.

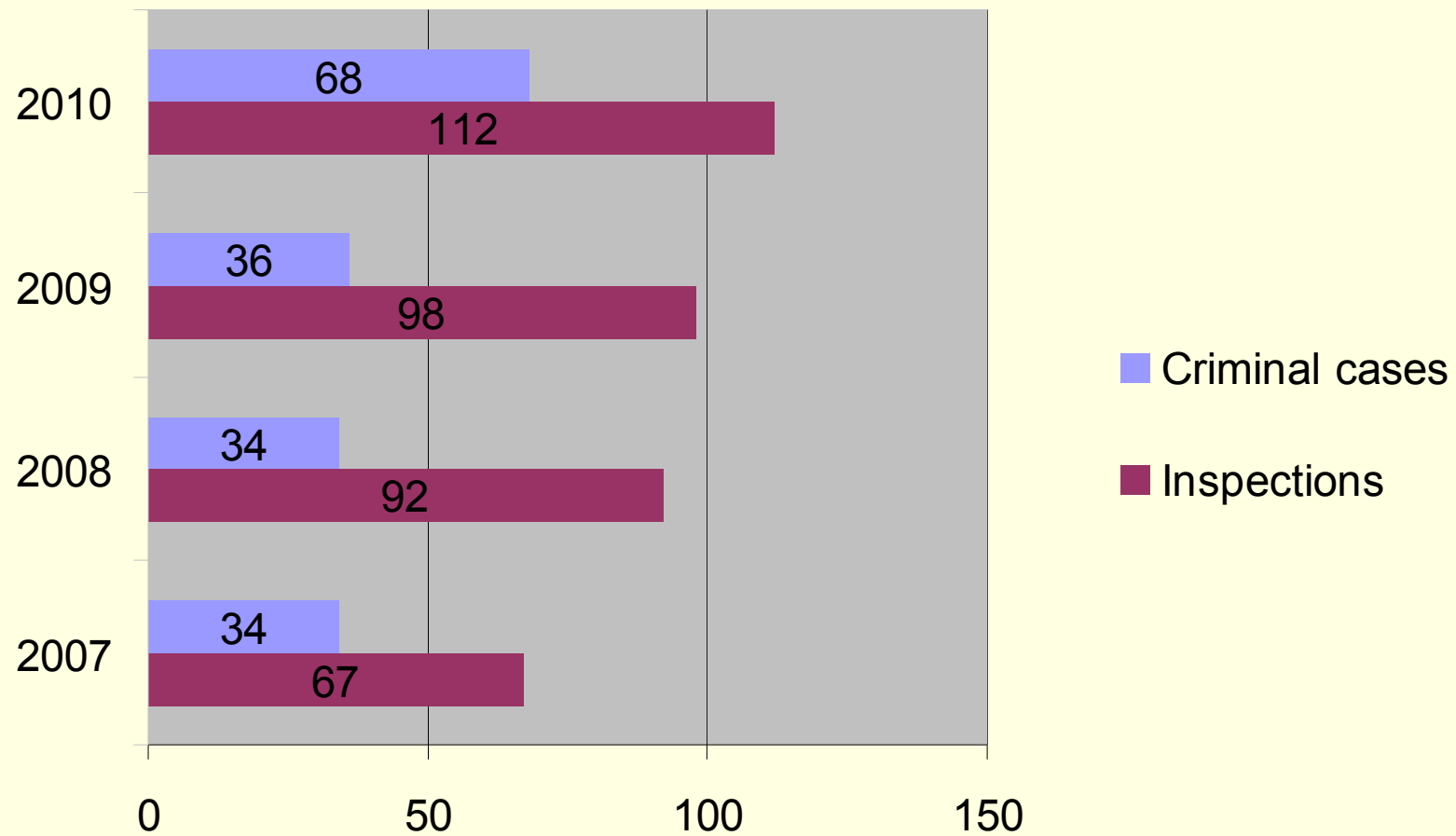


In 2009-2010 the police have identified and terminated the use of intellectual product in the following websites operating in Lithuania:

- www.torrent.lt (a total of over 3 000 000 illegal copies were downloaded; the value of legal copies – over 50 000 000 litas (over 14,5 million Euro), illegal profit of the violators – approx. 400 000 litas (approx. 116 000 Euro) per annum);
- www.filmai.us (74 000 files with illegal copies were downloaded within several months from Speedyshare; total value of legal copies – over 1 500 000 litas (approx. 434 000 Euro); illegal profit – 10 000 litas (2 900 Euro) per month);
- www.tracker.lt (over 1000 torrent files were found in the removed server with the access for 850 users);
- www.filmai24.lt (several thousand users; illegal profit – 5 000 litas (1 450 Euro) per month);
- www.filmai.in (several thousand users; illegal profit – 4 000 litas (1 150 Euro) per month);
- www.filmaionline.com, www.filmasonline.lv, www.filmsbase.net, www.telikas.com, www.kinas.us and other.

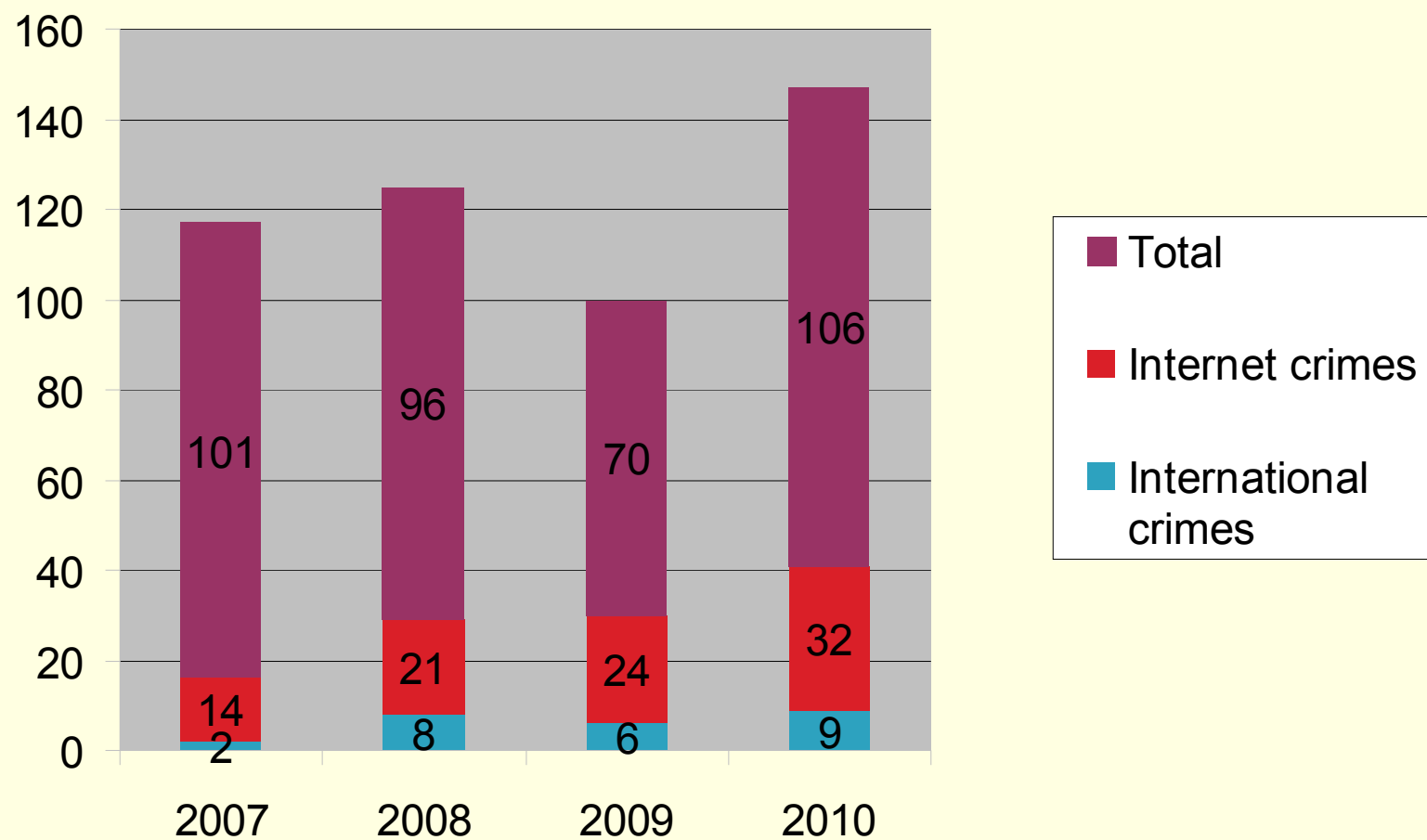


Performed inspections and criminal cases



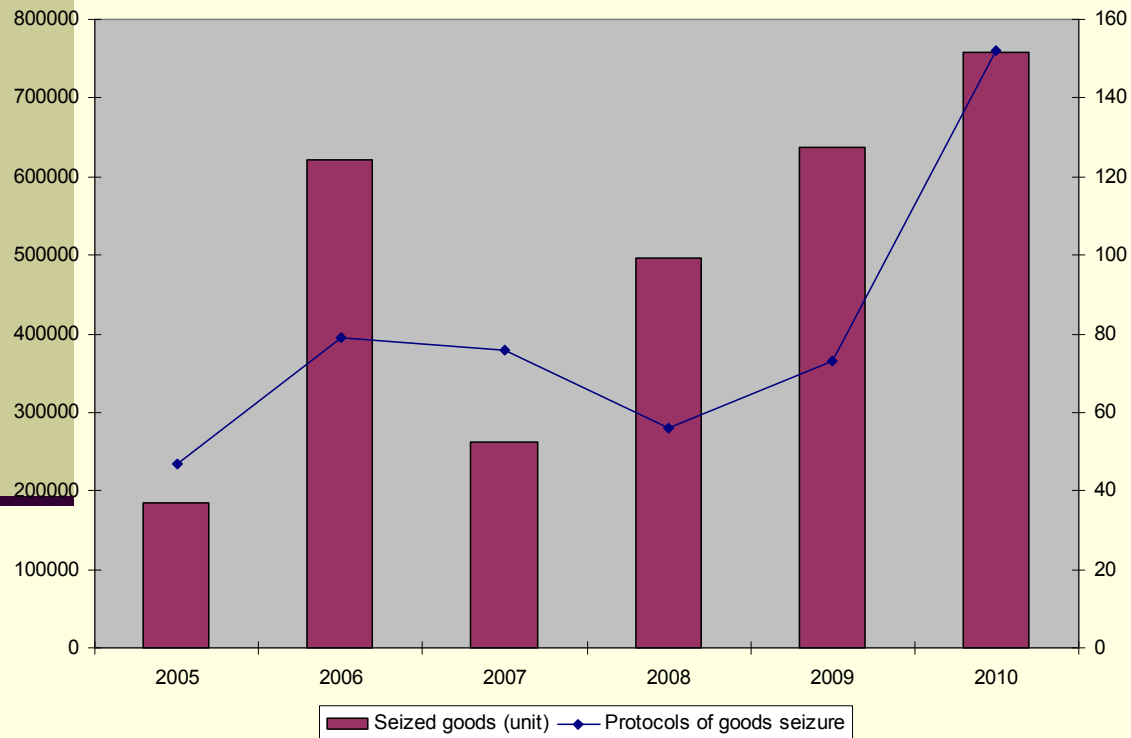


Infringements of copyright on the internet





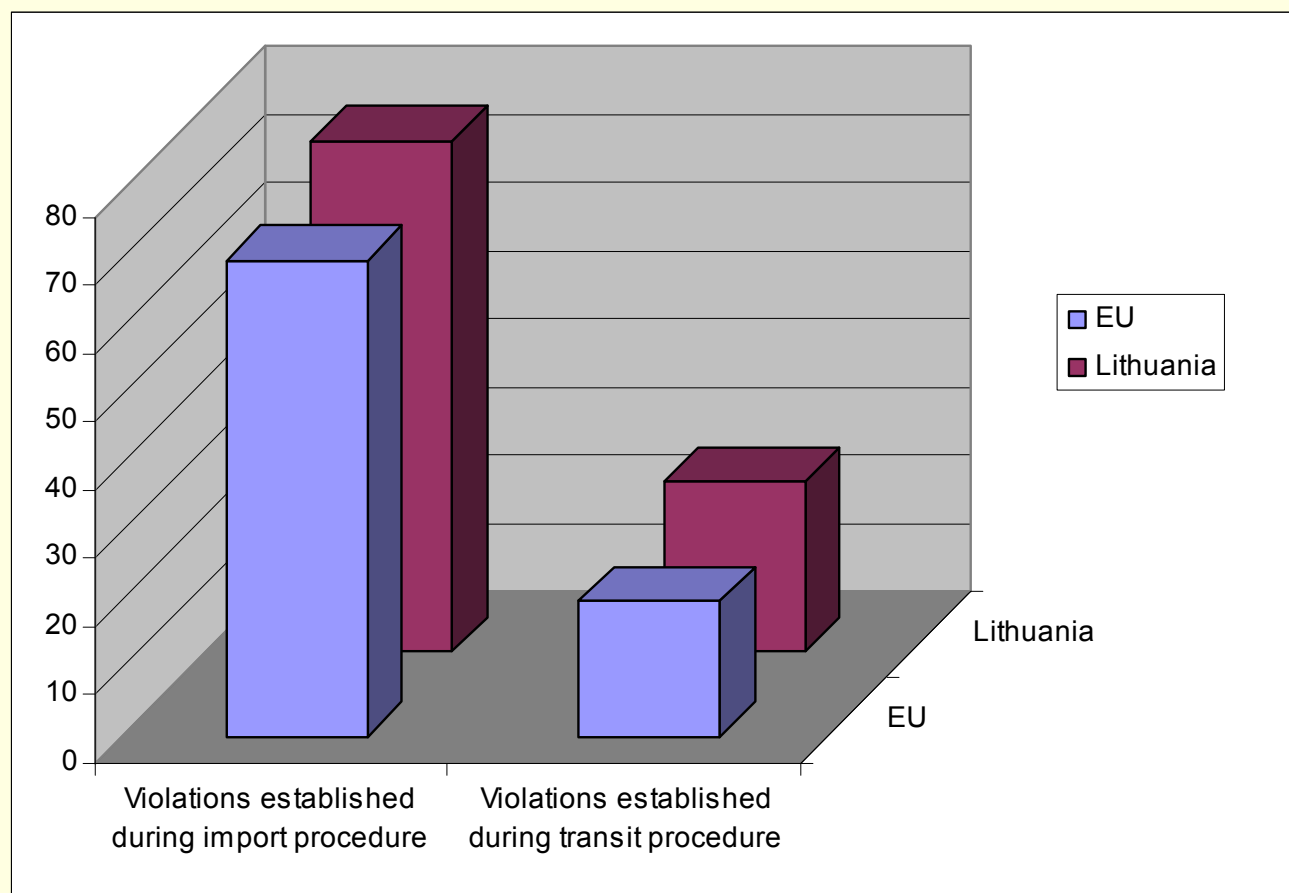
Statistics of violations in customs



- During period 2006– 2007 increased figure of seizures of goods, which were transported in small quantities.
- During period 2008– 2009 decreased number of seizures. This fact influenced by decrease of transit flows of consumer goods.



Statistics of violations in customs





Thank you for attention

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