

# OLAF Supports Successful International Operation in Seizure of Counterfeit Healthcare Products



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On 17 September 2020, OLAF reported on a [successful cooperation with its international partners](#), which led to the seizure of counterfeit healthcare and sanitary products in Columbia. OLAF alerted the Colombian police and customs authorities via AMERIPOL – the Police Community of the Americas – to a suspicious consignment originating from China and destined for Venezuela. OLAF also tracked the container and provided relevant information that resulted in the seizure of the goods in Colombia. The operation was a practical implementation of the new relationship between OLAF and AMERIPOL. OLAF Director-General *Ville Itälä* stressed: “Pooling knowledge and resources from all over the world is the only way to fight against this illicit trade and the criminal networks behind them. This is why OLAF has built up over time a solid network of partners in all continents”. For OLAF partnerships with countries/organisations outside the EU -> [C. Scharf-Krönner and J. Seyderhelm, euclid 3/2019, 209-218](#).

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