



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations



NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS COORDINATION CENTER

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) led National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center (IPR Center) stands at the forefront of the United States Government's response to global intellectual property (IP) theft and enforcement of its international trade laws. The mission of the IPR Center is to ensure national security by protecting the public's health and safety, the U.S. economy, and our warfighters, as well as to stop illegal and illicit trade practices that threaten the global economy. To accomplish this goal, the IPR Center brings together 24 partner agencies, consisting of 19 key federal agencies, Europol, INTERPOL, City of London Police, and the governments of Canada and Mexico in a task-force like setting. The task-force structure enables the IPR Center to effectively leverage the resources, skills, and authorities of each partner and provide a comprehensive response to IP theft. The IPR Center is comprised of the following:

Intellectual Property

The IPR Center has programmatic responsibility for initiatives relative to threats identified in the intellectual property environment, including counterfeit parts within: the transportation industry; the Department of Defense and U.S. Government supply chains; areas that impact our health and safety; and industry that can impact the national economy. The IPR Center recognizes the threat posed by intellectual property theft and provides coordination of law enforcement personnel to facilitate successful investigations into the criminal organizations involved in such activity. Additionally, the IPR Center collects, de-conflicts and disseminates intelligence and information with each of its partner agencies to facilitate successful IP investigations.

Commercial Fraud

Investigating customs fraud schemes is also an important component of the IPR Center strategy. ICE-HSI and CBP, in close cooperation with industry and other law enforcement partners, investigate illicit trade schemes to prevent those goods from illegally entering the United States.

Outreach and Training

The outreach and training efforts of the IPR Center include building and maintaining partnerships with industry and law enforcement, coordinating domestic and international capacity building programs, and raising public awareness. The IPR Center frequently participates in foreign capacity building programs sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Justice, INTERPOL, and the World Customs Organization.

