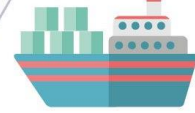


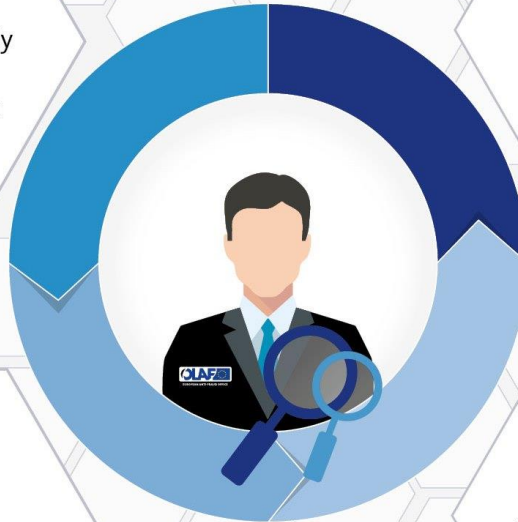
# OLAF investigates the evasion of anti-dumping and countervailing duties on solar panels



OLAF gets information that Chinese solar panels are incorrectly declared as Taiwanese on import into the EU.



Checks take place in Antwerp and Taiwan.



OLAF cooperates with Belgian, Dutch and French customs and with Taiwanese authorities.



OLAF analyses transshipment & EU import data, as well as other documents.



OLAF conducts 5 company visits to Taiwanese exporters/consignors and 11 visits to shipping agents in Belgium and Taiwan.



Investigations reveal that approximately 2500 container-loads of Chinese solar panels were transhipped via Taiwan to the EU.



The solar panels were shipped from China to the Free Zone in Taiwan, where they were loaded into other containers and shipped to the EU claiming Taiwanese origin.



As the goods came from China, and not Taiwan, anti-dumping and countervailing duties should have applied.



OLAF issued a financial recommendation amounting to EUR 135 million.