



Vaalimaa customs 2006



## Finnish Customs

- Southern district
- Western district
- Eastern district
- Northern district
- Åland



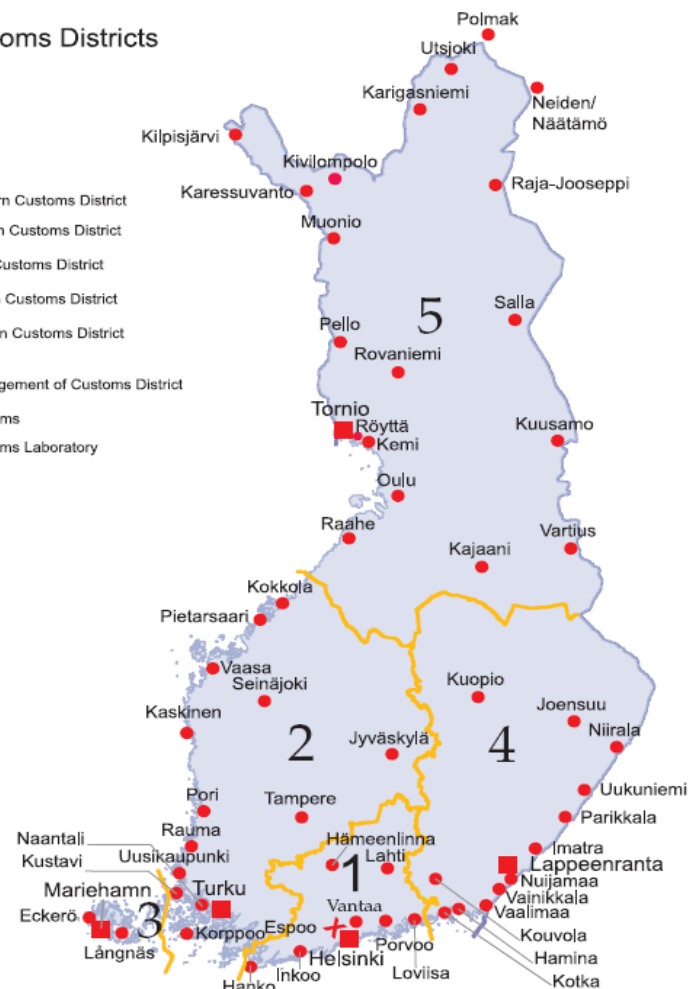
### Customs Districts

- 1 Southern Customs District
- 2 Western Customs District
- 3 Åland Customs District
- 4 Eastern Customs District
- 5 Northern Customs District

■ Management of Customs District

● Customs

+ Customs Laboratory





Finnish Customs controls legal and uncovers illicit flows of goods :

- collects taxes, charges and customs duties
- promotes a smooth flow of legal foreign trade
- protects society





## Vaalimaa Customs

Head of the Customs Mr. Mika Poutiainen,  
Deputy head Mr. Juhani Kuntsi

- opened at 1958
- busiest border crossing point on the eastern border of Finland
- open 24 hours a day since 1993
- personnel 125





## Tasks of Vaalimaa Customs

- Customs clearance centre
- Basic control and surveillance
- Container inspection system
- Prevention of customs crimes
- Investigation of customs crimes
- Joint intelligence centre – customs, border guards and police







## Co-operation

- police, customs and frontier guards



- co-operation with Russian authorities
  - based on agreements between states
  - change of information and officers
- co-operation with other authorities
  - forwarding agencies
  - veterinarian
  - Plant Production Inspection Centre



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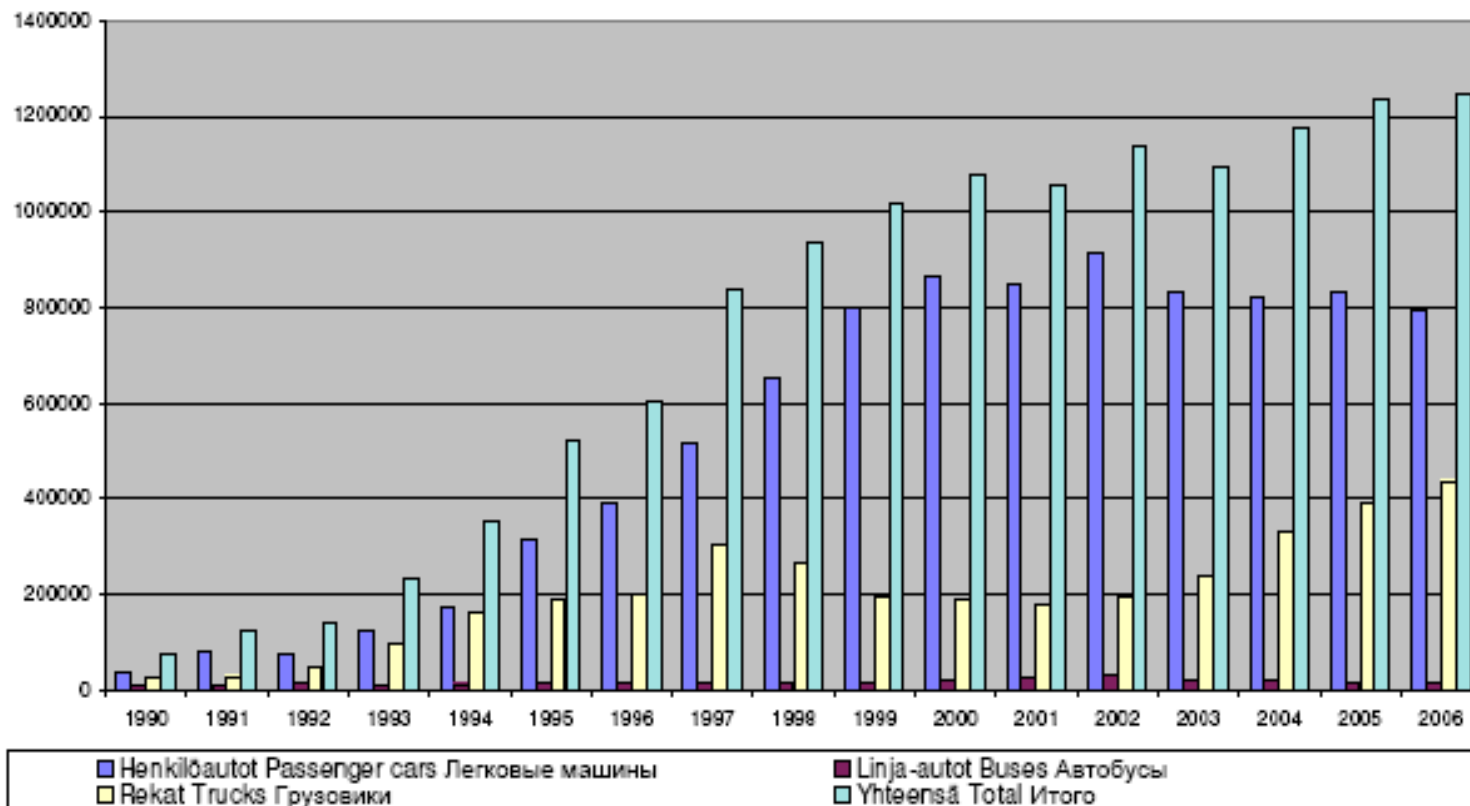
## Vaalimaa BCP 2006

- Vehicles about 1,2 million
  - trucks about 440 000
  - personnel cars about 800 000
  - buses about 20 000
- Passengers 2,65 million
  - Fin 18 %
  - Rus 76 %
- Cargo traffic:  
import and export  
total 3,2 mill. tons





## Ajoneuvoliikenne Vehicle traffic Транспортное движение







## Crimes in Vaalimaa Customs 2006

- Tax frauds
  - smuggling of cigarettes:
    - confiscated 38 000 blocks (abt. 7,6 mill pcs) of cigarettes
- Smuggling of alcoholic beverages
  - confiscated 3 000 l of alcohol
- Confiscation of heroin in august 2005
- Crimes against immaterial rights
  - trade marks
- Violation of orders given by customs





## Lipre

- License Plate Recognition System
- reads and takes a picture of license plates and container numbers
- recognizes nationality
- data base collects information: date, time, speed and a photo of the vehicle

## Alarms

- license plate information and a reason for controlling a certain vehicle are put on the system
- an sms-message comes to a phone and on the screen

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## Container Inspection system

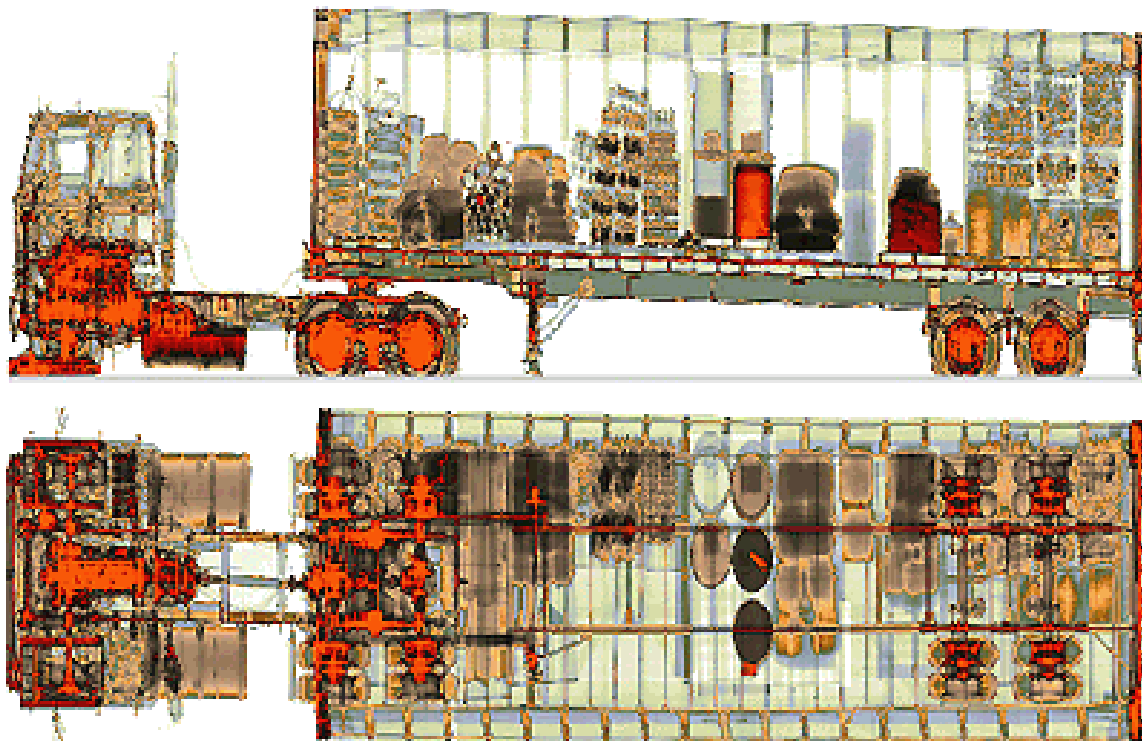
- opened at the beginning of year 2000, update 2006-2007
- supplier of the equipment: French-German Heimann Systems
- cost 11,9 million euro
- four such stations in Europe
- can be used to x-ray trucks, buses, vans, passenger cars
- about 1% of all vehicles crossing the border by Vaalimaa are x-rayed – 3% of all trucks .
- about 12 000 vehicles are x-rayed annually
- as a result there have been confiscated cigarettes, alcohol, drugs and counterfeit goods





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## Future

- making the road wider between Virojoki-Hamina 2007
- new parking lot for trucks 2008
- separation of personnel and cargo traffic 2009



