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Regional Workshop on JITs and controlled deliveries

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JIT’S FRANCE/NETHERLAND

JUNE 2015

CHAOU case
THE CASE BEGINS IN 2013 WITH MANY DRUG SEISURES (WEED) BY CUSTOMS IN FRANCE COMING FROM NETHERLAND

FRENCH ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS IDENTIFY A PROVIDER IN ROSENDAEL (NL)
CHAOU FAMILY IS TARGETED IN DIFFERENT ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS IN LILLE

50% OF HERBAL CANNABIS SEIZED IN LILLE IS PROVIDED BY THIS FAMILY

THE INVESTIGATIONS DEMONSTRATE THE PRESENCE OF DEDICATED WAREHOUSES TO PRODUCE, STORE THE WEED AND AN ACTIVE OCG
THE JUDGE IN CHARGE OF THE CASE WANTED TO INVOLVE NETHERLANDS LAW ENFORCEMENT TO DISMANTLE THIS BIG DRUG PROVIDER

HASSAN CHAOU SEARCHED BY A FRENCH WARRANT (SENTENCED TO 8 YEARS OF PRISON IN 2008 FOR DRUGS TRAFICKING IN FRANCE)

MEETING IN BRUSSELS TO DISCUSS THE CASE AND DEFINE A STRATEGY (DECEMBER 2014)
MEETING IN THE HAGUE (EUROJUST FOR A JIT) IN JANUARY 2015

1ST TIME:

> FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIONS IN NETHERLANDS
> STOP FRENCH DEALERS AFTER ROUND TRIP IN ROSENDAEL

2ND TIME:

> JUDICIAL OPERATION IN NETHERLANDS TO ARREST CHAOU’S GANG
1ST ASPECT: OPERATIONNAl DECISION

> CCTV ON CHAOUCHE WAREHOUSES TO IDENTIFY FRENCH CUSTOMERS

> REPORT TO FRENCH LAW ENFORCEMENT THE LICENSE PLATES OBSERVED AND OPERATE A COORDINATED OPERATION WITH FRENCH CUSTOMS TO CONTROL AND ARREST FRENCH DEALERS

RESULTS WERE NOT CONCLUSIVE
2ND ASPECT:

TRIGGER A STOP AND SEARCH OPERATION OF CHAOU’S CRIME GROUP IN NETHERLAND

>FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIONS DEMONSTRATE CHAOU WITH OVER 20 MILLIONS EUROS IN ASSETS
IN JUNE 2015 BIG JUDICIAL OPERATION WITH MORE THAN 200 POLICEMEN

RESULTS:
6 persons arrested
150,000 euros
1,000 herbal plants
Balance of the JITS?

4 fugitives among the main ones
Low seizures
press point on the site before the searches

JITs? The countries must follow up the same goal, time etc.
The JITs must be signed at the early beginning of the investigations to facilitate the coordination

Solutions?
Detachment of investigators
Thank you for your attention

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