



Intellectual
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Office



IP CRIME HIGHLIGHT REPORT 2015/16

MEMBERSHIP

Regular Membership includes:

- Anti Copying in Design
- Alliance for Intellectual Property
- Anti-Counterfeiting Group
- British Electrotechnical and Allied Manufacturers Association
- Border Force
- BPI - British Recorded Music Industry
- Chartered Trading Standards Institute
- Crown Prosecution Service
- Department for Culture Media and Sport
- Electronics Systems Community
- Educational Recording Agency
- Federation Against Copyright Theft
- Federation Against Software Theft
- Food Standards Agency
- Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs
- Home Office
- International Federation of Spirits Producers
- Intellectual Property Office
- Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency
- National College of Policing
- National Crime Agency
- National Market Group
- National Police Chiefs' Council
- National Trading Standards Board National Intelligence Hub
- National Trading Standards eCrime Centre
- Nominet
- Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit
- Police Scotland
- Police Service Northern Ireland
- PRS for Music
- Publishers Association
- REACT
- Scottish Anti-Illicit Trade Group
- Trading Standards
- Pharmaceutical Security Institute
- UK Interactive Entertainment

IP CRIME GROUP

The UK IP Crime Group comprises representatives from private sector, enforcement agencies and government departments who have a role in tackling IP crime in the UK.

The UK IP Crime Group was founded in 2004 by the Intellectual Property Office. The group is chaired by Chief Constable Giles York who is responsible for IP crime at a UK national level for the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC).

The membership includes those who are responsible for border security, those who investigate cases of IP crime in communities, those who represent the brands where intellectual property is being infringed as well as policy makers.






The group meets every two months to:

- Discuss strategic policy issues in relation to IP crime
- Identify strategic priorities for collaborative action
- Identify and distribute good practice
- Raise awareness of IP crime
- Discuss production of an annual report.

This report gives an insight into the work done by members in 2015-2016.

SCOPE AND SCALE OF IP CRIME IN THE UK

Top 5 products investigated by Trading Standards

-  Tobacco/cigarettes
-  Clothing
-  Alcohol
-  Footwear
-  Watches/jewellery

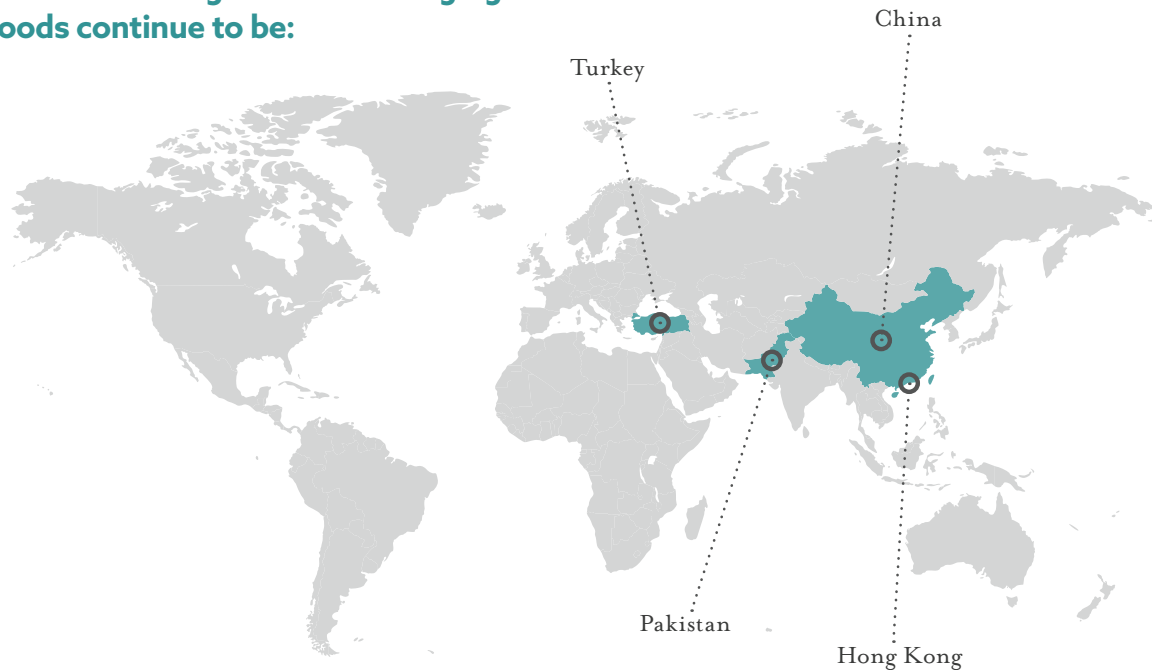
Top 5 links to other criminality

-  Benefit fraud
-  Organised crime network
-  Money laundering
-  Drug dealing
-  Violence

Top of 10 locations

-  Shops
-  Social Media
-  Websites
-  Private Homes
-  Auction Sites
-  Outdoor Markets
-  Streets
-  Car Boot Sales
-  Pubs/clubs
-  Factories/industrial Units

Countries of origin for IPR infringing goods continue to be:



58%

of all counterfeit car parts
are bought online



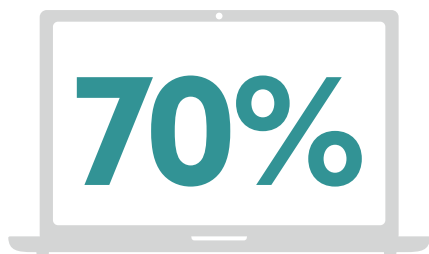
£28 Billion

is the annual cost of
counterfeiting to the
automotive industry



Globally the value of **pirated UK magazine content** is estimated to be between

£400-600 million



of all public complaints to FACT relate to **online infringement**

REACT removed over

1,430,000



infringing adverts online globally



United Kingdom Interactive Entertainment Industry (UKIE) reported

50,000

download and torrent links concerning the games industry



2,224 reports

were submitted by Crimestoppers to the IPO Intelligence hub in 2014-2015

PARTNERSHIP WORKING BETWEEN GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Top 5 public sector organisations Trading Standards work with



Police



Other Trading Standards



HMRC



IPO Intelligence Hub



Border Force

148

Trading Standards Authorities

completed the annual IP Crime Survey



The Anti-Counterfeiting Group worked with:

40

and

13

at

8

Trading Standards Authorities

Police forces

Border Force Locations

Since 2011 the BPI have requested search engines remove

200 million

 URLs

The multi-agency Operation (Jasper) has taken down and removed 8100 Facebook listings and closed 55 full profiles

Multi-agency and industry operation in Manchester results in over

£2million

counterfeit goods being seized

In the past 3 years PIPCU have suspended over

10,000

websites selling counterfeit goods

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

Since the formation of the Police IP Crime Unit (PIPCU) in Sept 2013 they have:



and investigated IP crime worth

£33.8 million

Over

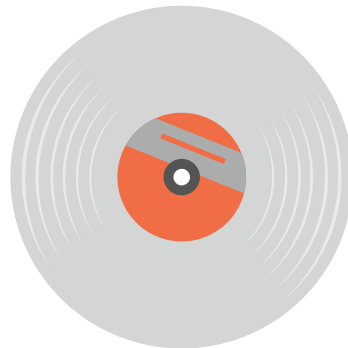
400 markets

have signed up to the Real Deal Initiative



In 2015 the BPI seized

9,000
vinyl records



NOMINET

3,889

domains suspended for criminal activity



One ACG member had over

500,000

products seized by customs during 2015/16



Trademark and Rightsholders Against Piracy
(TRAP) sized goods to the value of

£2.6 million



REACT members had

280,000

items seized by UK customs



UK IPO attachés provided support to over

6,587

businesses operating in overseas markets

In the past two years
National Trading
Standards Scambuster
Teams have prevented
IP Crime worth
an estimated

£345 million



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