**CZECH REPUBLIC**

Czech Republic (Czech: Česká republika) also known as Czechia is a member of the European Union since 1 May 2004. It is in Central Europe bordered by Germany to the west, Austria to the south, Slovakia to the east and Poland to the northeast.

**CAPITAL**

Prague

**POPULATION**

10.5 million

**AREA**

78,866 km²

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

Czech Customs Administration (Celní správa České republiky)

The Customs Administration has the status of a police authority in relation to specific crimes in the area of customs duties, taxes, drugs smuggling, breaches of the regulations on the management of controlled goods and technologies, foreign trade in military material, prohibited means of combat and radioactive material or in protected fauna and flora, the illegal disposal of hazardous wastes and, lastly, violations of intellectual property rights, industrial rights and rights to trademarks.

The Customs is also the sole administrator of excise duties. This involves assessing and collecting excise duties on products that are subject to excise duties. This includes monitoring compliance with the regulations on the management of selected products in their production, storage and transport.

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The Customs also has authority in the areas of road transport, the common agricultural policy, waste management, and the illegal employment of foreigners. Lastly, the Customs is included in the Integrated Rescue System, cooperating with the other security corps in emergencies and crises.

**Czech National Police (Policie České republiky)**

The Czech National Police is a centralised armed security force, fulfilling tasks within the framework of Czech law and of international agreements approved and ratified by the Czech Parliament. The main tasks of the National Police include protecting the security of people and property, maintaining public order, Fighting against terrorism, investigating criminal acts, protecting the state borders, safeguarding the constitutional principles of the Czech Republic, ensuring the safety of foreign nationals, protecting important public buildings, traffic control and supervision, and protecting nuclear facilities and the transport of nuclear materials. All activities in the field of international police cooperation are conducted by the Police Presidium of the Czech Republic, International Police Cooperation Division.

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