

Enforcement of IP Law by the Malta Police Force

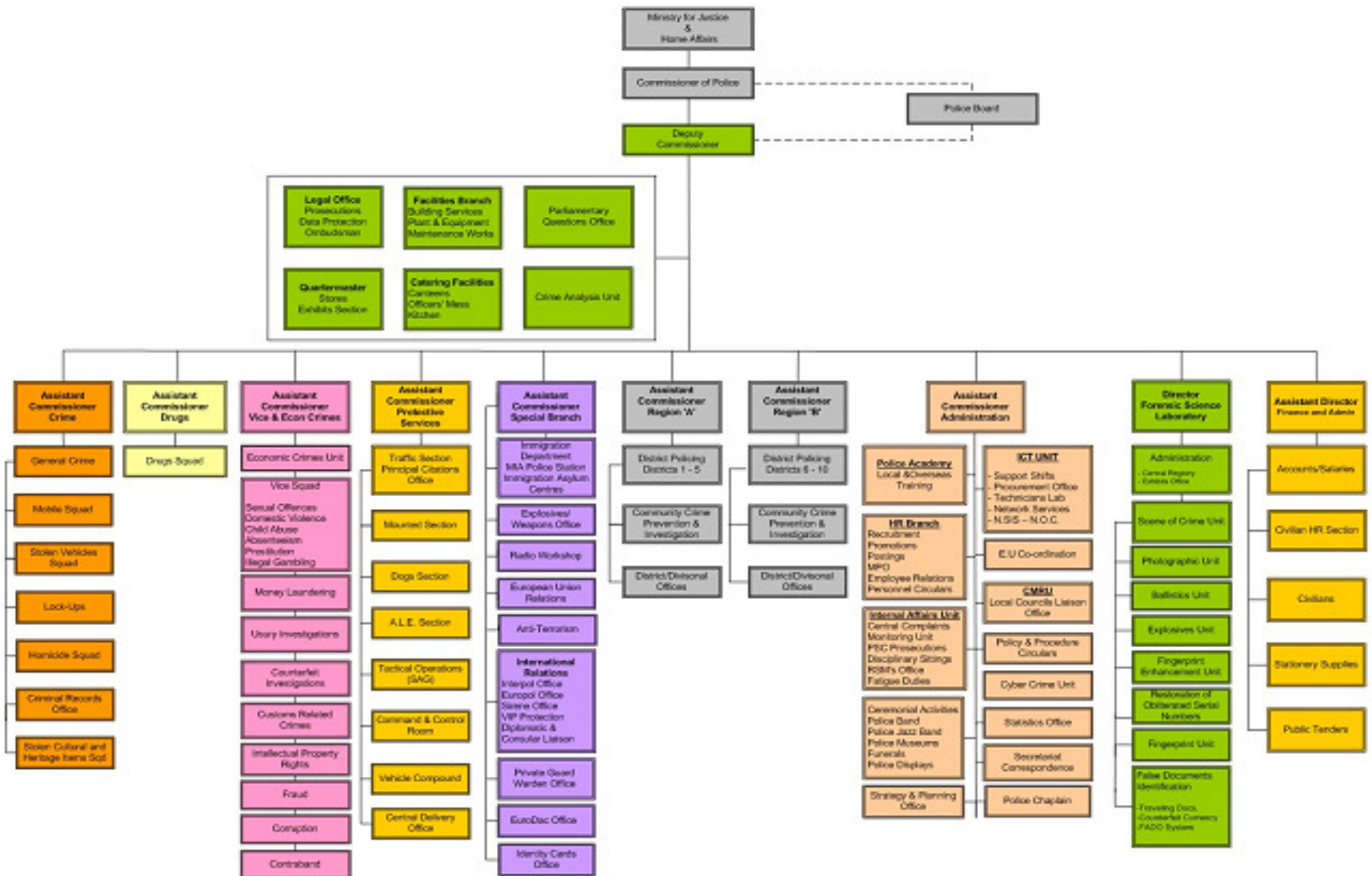


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Malta Police Org. Chart



IPR Enforcement by the Malta Police Force

11 Police Districts...but

...main IPR investigations (and
prosecutions) carried out by the
Economic Crimes Unit (ECU)



3 Main IPR Infringements

(1) Commercial Fraud

(2) Violation of Copyright

(3) Unauthorised use of trademark



Commercial Fraud

Aim: Consumer protection from deceptive marks or emblems

Penalty: 4 months to 1 year imprisonment

Action: Ex-officio



...Commercial Fraud



Violation of Copyright

Aim: Protection of the rights enjoyed by the right holder/s

Penalty: Up to 1 year imprisonment and/or fine up to € 11,646.87

Action: Complaint of the injured party



...Violation of Copyright



Unauthorised use of Trademark

Aim: Protection of trademark proprietor

Penalty: Up to 3 years imp. and/or fine up to € 23,293.73

Action: Registered trademark



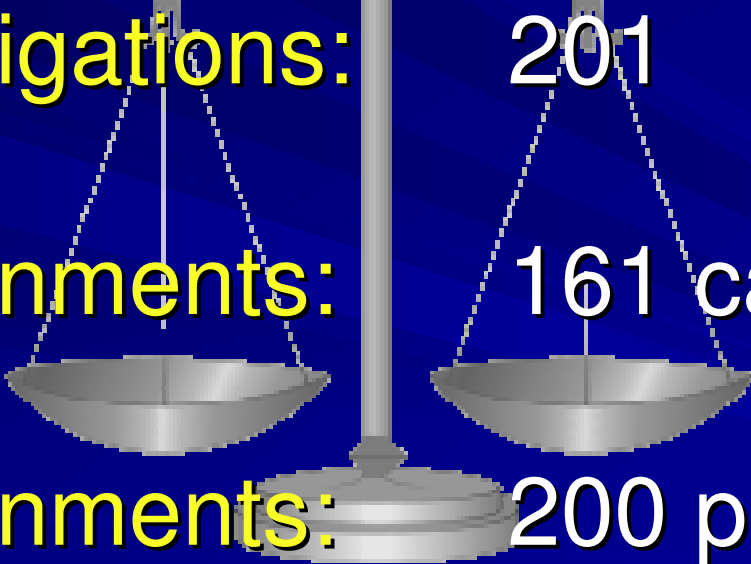
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Additional Penalty



Some Statistics (2005 – Sep. 2010)



Investigations: 201

Arraignments: 161 cases

Arraignments: 200 persons



Main Seizures (2005 – Sep. 2010)

(1)	DVDs	75,109 pcs
(2)	Perfurmes	23,747 pcs
(2)	Literature	21,822 pcs
(3)	Computer games	10,856 pcs
(4)	Audio CDs	9,444 pcs
(5)	Electrical supplies	7,584 pcs
(6)	Souvenirs	3,540 pcs
(7)	Pharmaceuticals	2,444 pcs



Thank you for your attention



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