

Ms. Alaina van Horn

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Alaina van Horn currently serves as the Chief of the Intellectual Property Enforcement (IPE) Branch of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Office of Trade, where she supervises a team of attorneys and paralegals specializing in border enforcement of intellectual property rights.

Immediately prior to this position, she served a one-year detail in the Office of the U.S. Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator (IPEC) in the Executive Office of the President, as a Policy Advisor specializing in customs law.

Prior to joining the IPEC she was a Senior Attorney-Advisor in the Intellectual Property Rights Branch of CBP's Office of Trade for over a decade, where she provided legal support to all ports of entry on border enforcement of trademarks and copyrights; adjudicated administrative petition for relief from seizure; issued binding rulings and infringement determinations, and administered patent and trade secrets based exclusion orders issued by the U.S. International Trade Commission.

Mr. Maurice Adefalou

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Maurice Adefalou is the Compliance Technical Officer in charge of the IPR, Health and Safety Programme in the World Customs Organization (WCO). He is the main coordinator of the delivery of the IPR Health and Safety Programme activities, operational activities, capacity building, accreditation workshops, the Counterfeit and Piracy (CAP) Group meeting and the WCO IPR CENcomm Group.

In December 2018, he was nominated as the Chairperson of the WCO, CAP Group meeting.

With 17 years of experience working for the Benin Customs Administration, Maurice held various relevant positions prior to joining the WCO: Director of Legislation and International Relations in charge of WCO issues; Head of the Cotonou Port Customs surveillance team; Head of Mobil unit in charge of the fight against fraud; Chairperson of the selectivity committee (risk management) and Chairperson of the Scanner management committee.