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COMBATING ILLEGAL WORKING

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**IMMIGRATION SERVICE IS COMMITTED
TO COMBATING ILLEGAL WORKING
AND THE CAUSES OF ILLEGAL
WORKING**

Tackling the causes of illegal working

- Routes of entry and freedom of movement within EU
- Skill shortage
- Availability of illegal work
- Forgery & Fraud
- Gangmasters
- Criminal Activity

Working in partnership

- Employers
- Other Government Bodies - DWP, IR C&E
- NASS
- Social Services
- Police
- Intelligence agencies - NCIS

Sources of intelligence

- Employers
- Police
- Denunciations
- Department of Works & Pensions
- Inland Revenue
- Customs

Development of intelligence

- Failure rate of operations in January 2002 31%
- Failure rate of operations in September reduced to 18%

ACHIEVED THROUGH

- Development of intelligence resources internally & externally
- Targeted intelligence led operations
- Co-operation with employers
- Increased awareness and application of legislation

Criteria for operations

- No speculative or fishing exercises
- All operations are intelligence led
- Risk assessments
- Vigorous intelligence searches
- Resources from other agencies

Employment for illegal workers

- Hotels
- Restaurants
- Farms & food factories
- Construction
- Textiles
- Cleaning
- Prostitution

Nationalities of illegal workers

- Eastern Europe - Poland, Lithuanian, Romania
Kosovo, Albania, Latvia
- Brazil
- Ghana & Zimbabwe
- Malaysian
- Chinese
- India & Sri Lankan

Summary

- New Nationality, Immigration & Asylum Act 2002
- Easier for employers to comply with the legislation on illegal working
- Increased powers of search & entry to business premises
- Prosecutions
- UK Governments undertaking to allow workers from accession states to seek employment in the UK

