



Australian  
**CUSTOMS**  
Service

**PROTECTING OUR BORDERS**

# Colouring book



## **Meanings**

### **Borders**

As you enter Australia by boat or plane, you cross Australia's border.

### **Illegal**

Against the law. There are some things that Customs stops you from bringing into Australia. If you do bring them in you are breaking the law and you will get into trouble.

### **Seaport**

A place where ships come into and leave Australia, and load and unload their cargo and passengers.

### **Cargo**

Items carried into Australia by ship or plane.

### **Detector dog**

Dogs have a great sense of smell. They can sniff out dangerous things like drugs, guns and bombs. Customs trains Labrador dogs to help find dangerous things. These dogs are called detector dogs.

### **Illegal fishing**

Taking fish from where you are not allowed to fish.

### **Protect**

To keep safe. Customs protects Australia's borders by stopping some dangerous things and the wrong people coming into the country.

Australia is a very special place ...



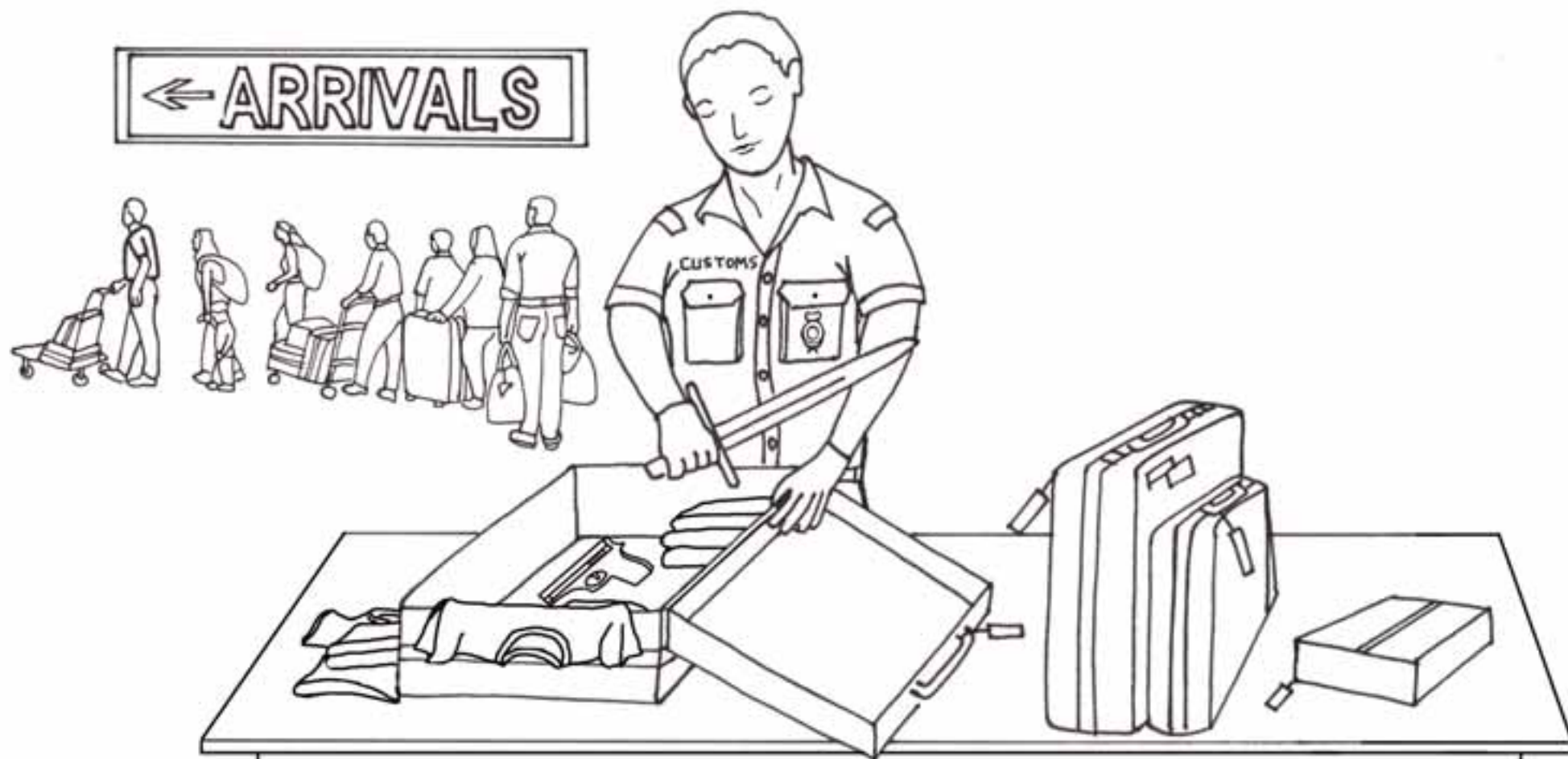
So how does Customs help protect Australia?

You will see Customs officers at our airports, welcoming people from around the world who visit Australia.

WELCOME TO AUSTRALIA



A few people try to do the wrong thing  
and bring in drugs or weapons.



...It's Customs job to stop these people bringing  
dangerous things into Australia.

Sometimes, cruel people try to sneak in animals that don't belong in Australia. Others take our animals away from their Australian homes.



... This can hurt the animals,  
so Customs is there to rescue them.

But Customs does a lot of other things too...  
not just at the airport.



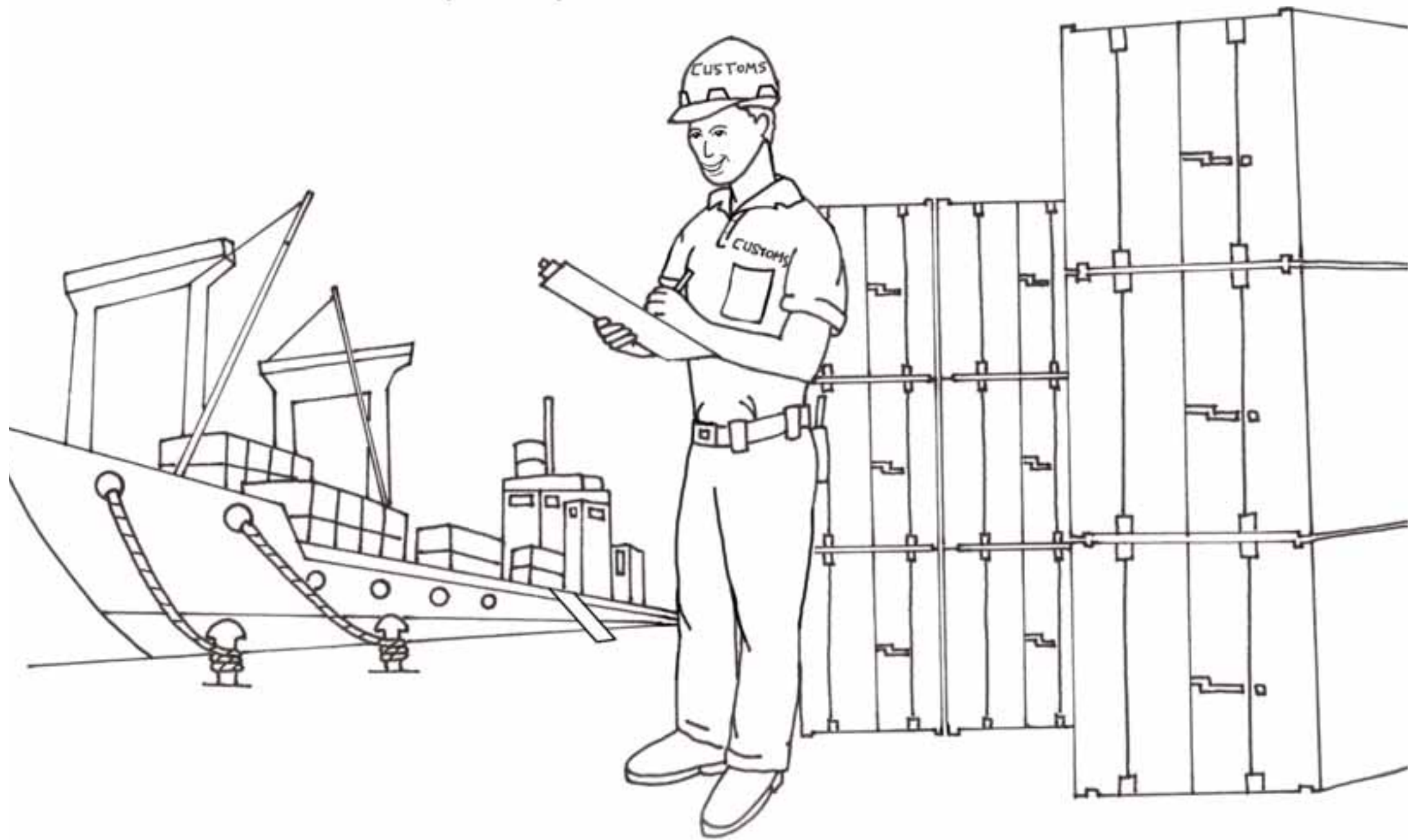
Customs officers keep watch all around Australia,  
even in faraway places.

At our mail centres, lots of letters and packages arrive in Australia from around the world every day.

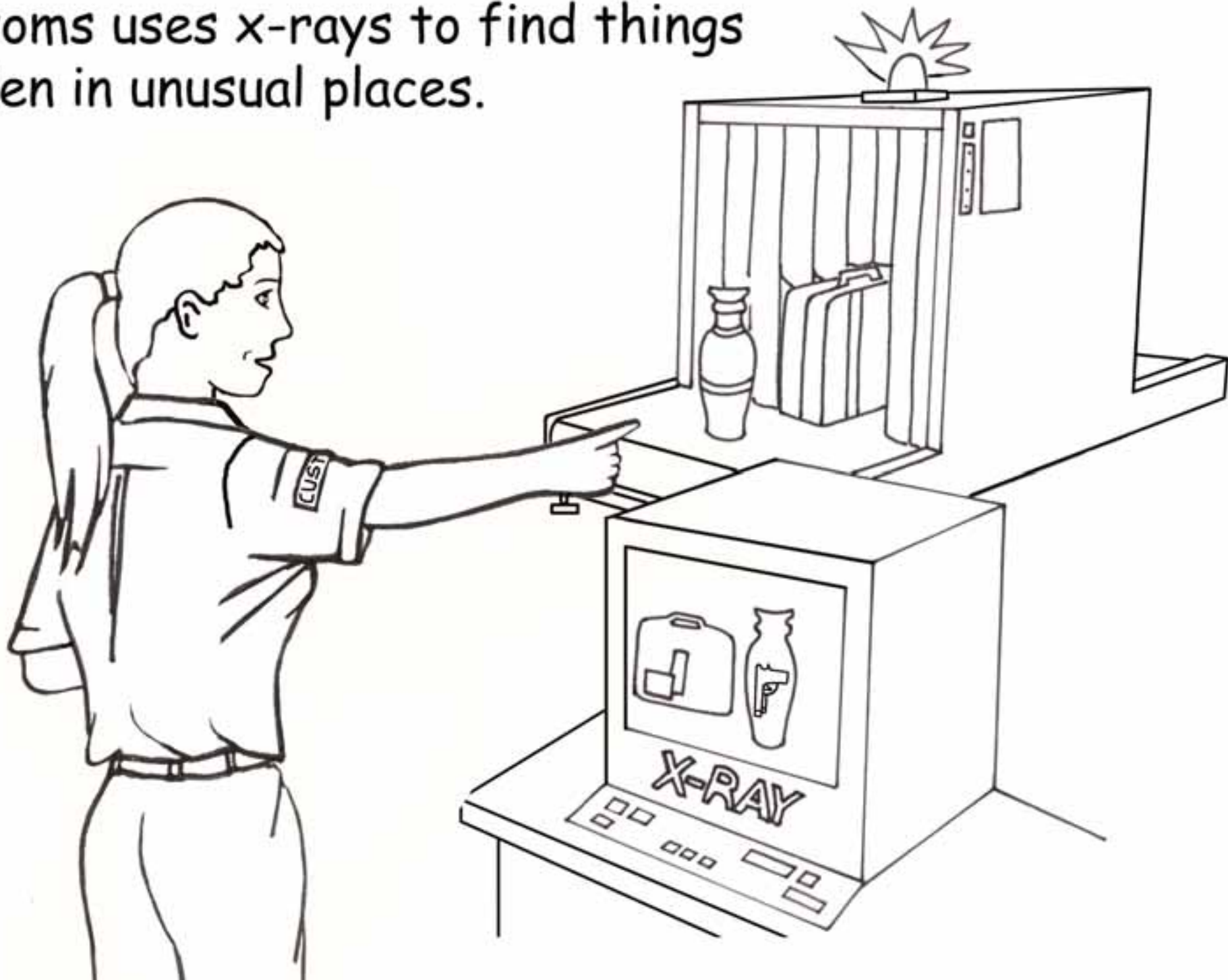


...Customs makes sure mail hasn't got anything illegal in it.

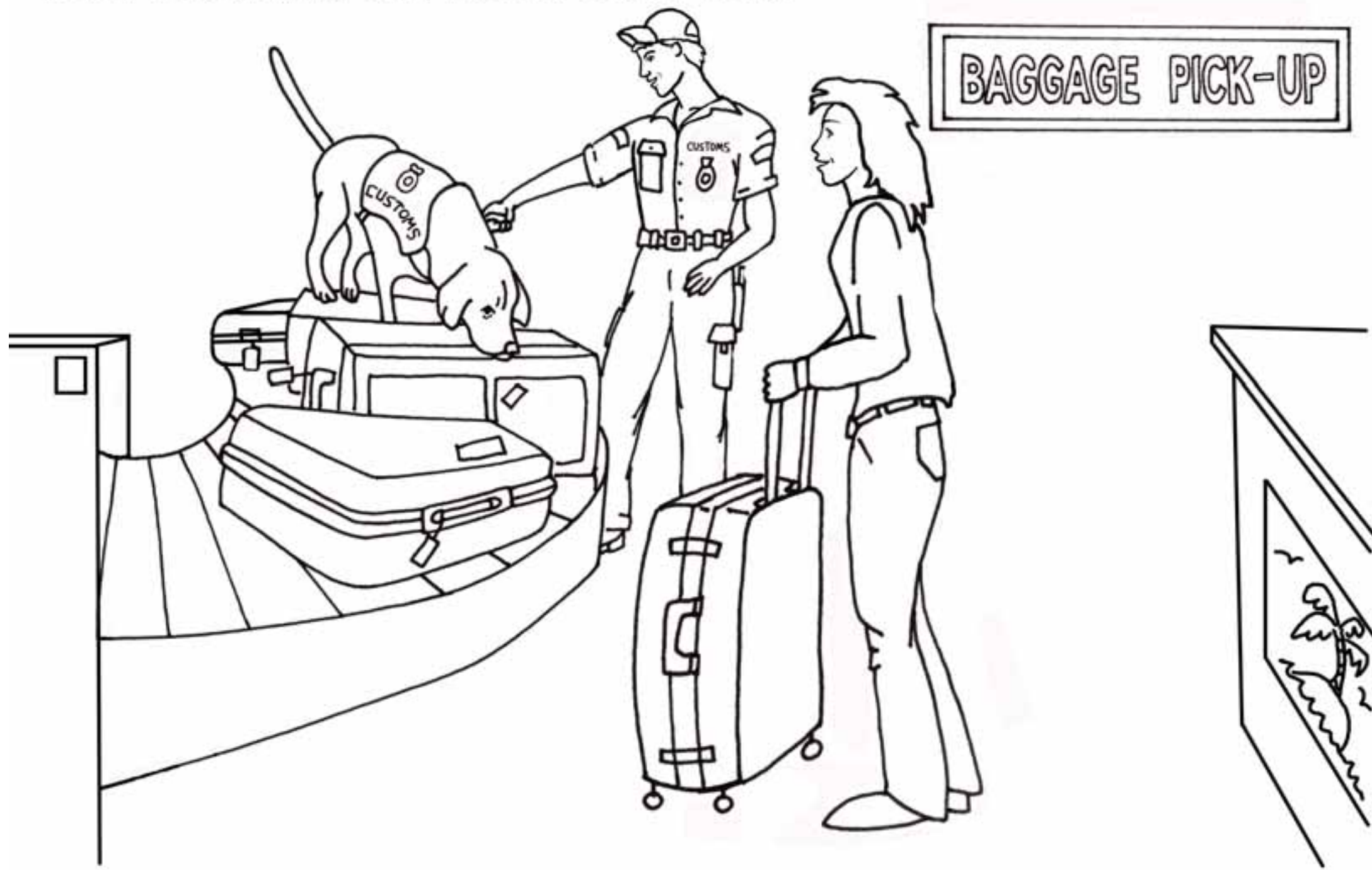
At our seaports, Customs also checks the cargo that arrives by ship.



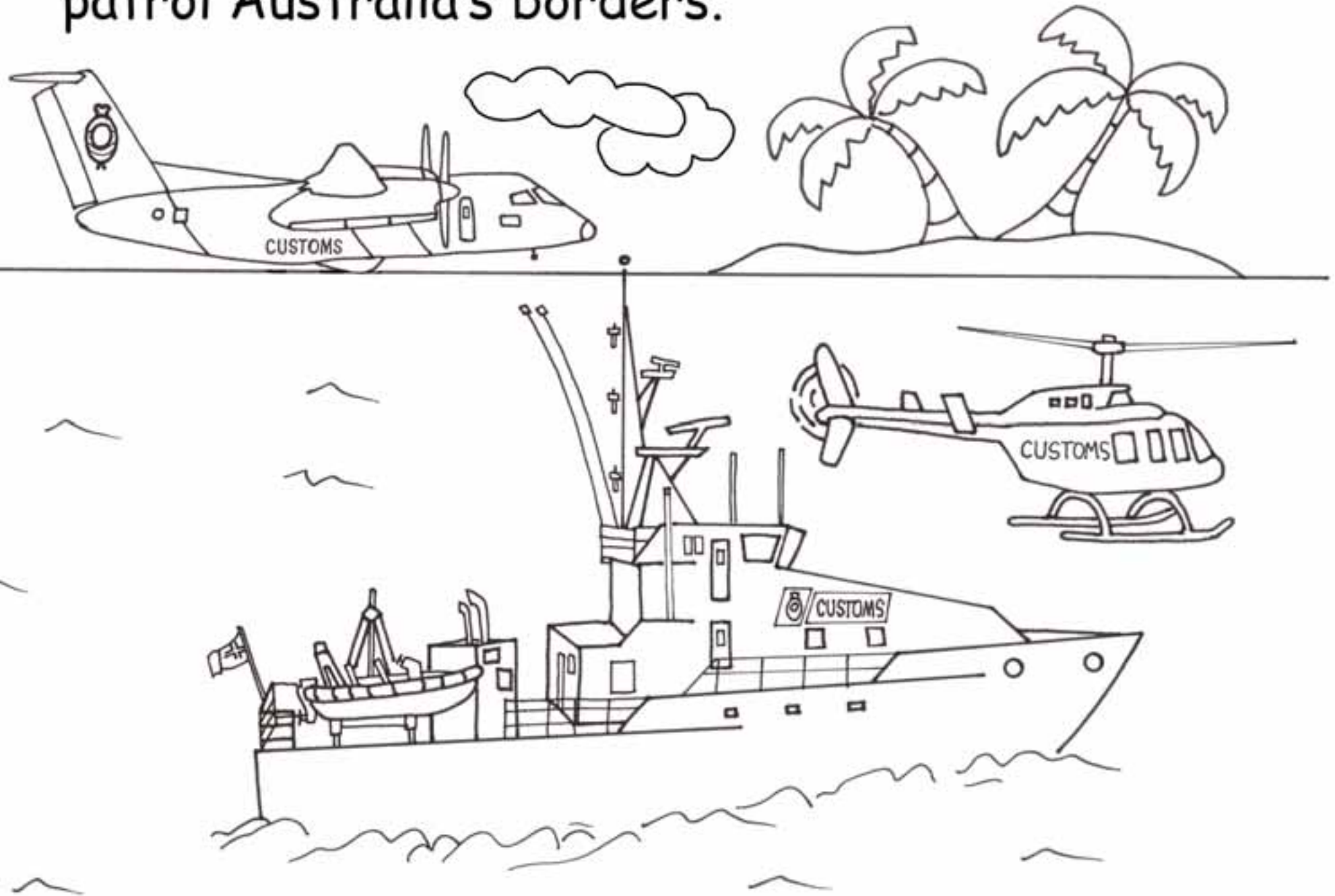
Customs uses x-rays to find things hidden in unusual places.



Our detector dogs sniff out things like drugs and guns, that Customs officers can't see.



Customs uses boats, planes and helicopters to patrol Australia's borders.



If people are doing the wrong thing, like illegal fishing, Customs is there to catch them.



All around Australia, Customs is protecting our borders.



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