



WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION (WCO)
AND THE
EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (EAEC)**

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HAVING ITS HEADQUARTERS IN BRUSSELS, BELGIUM,
AND THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (EAEC),
HAVING ITS HEADQUARTERS IN MOSCOW, RUSSIA, AND
IN ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN**

The World Customs Organization (WCO) and the Eurasian Economic Community (EAEC), referred to hereinafter as "the Parties" :

RECOGNIZING that the Parties wish to establish a mutually supportive relationship,

RECOGNIZING also that the Parties wish to establish appropriate arrangements for co-operation,

Have agreed as follows :

ARTICLE I

The Parties shall co-operate in the discharge of their respective mandates in accordance with the provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding.

For the purposes of this Memorandum, any reference to the EAEC or WCO (if not explicitly to the Secretariat of the Integration Committee of the EAEC or the WCO Secretariat) is understood to refer to the decision-making bodies of the EAEC and WCO, respectively.

ARTICLE II

The Parties agree, where appropriate, to :

- establish and maintain consultation and hold seminars on issues of common interest;
- invite each other to meetings and other events, in accordance with their procedures, in order to exchange their experience;
- exchange non-classified information and documents.

¹ Established as the Customs Co-operation Council.

ARTICLE III

The Parties agree to actively promote the modernization of Customs administrations in the EAEC region through the adoption and implementation of Customs instruments and tools developed and recommended by the WCO.

The WCO shall, within the limits of the available resources, make experts available to the EAEC to assist with the development of the Basic Customs Legislations of EAEC members and other EAEC laws and regulations, in order to bring them into conformity with international (WCO) standards and practices.

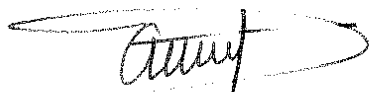
ARTICLE IV

Wherever possible, the Secretariat of the Integration Committee of the EAEC and the WCO Secretariat shall co-ordinate joint activities in sectors of common interest.

ARTICLE V

1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature.
2. It shall be reviewed upon the request of either the Secretary General of the EAEC or the Secretary General of the WCO, and may be amended by mutual agreement.
3. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Party at any time, by written notification.
4. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be regarded as an administrative arrangement between the Parties thereto. Any dispute over the interpretation or application of any provision herein contained shall be settled through negotiations or by such other means as the Parties shall mutually agree.

Done at Brussels, on 25 June 2004, in two copies in the English, French and Russian languages, the texts in all three languages having equal legal force.



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