Memorandum of Understanding between Saudi Customs and the World Customs Organization regarding the utilization of the Bio-Resources (Detector Dog) Training Centre in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as a Regional Centre for training of Customs officials from the North of Africa, Near and Middle East Region

The Saudi Customs hereinafter referred to as Saudi Customs, and the World Customs Organization, hereinafter referred to as the WCO;

Acknowledging the enormous challenges facing Customs administrations due to increasing volumes of trade exchange, globalization of trade, and regional integration; and due to changing trading patterns, the need for more facilitation of trade and the requirement to produce more with limited resources, that call for enhanced cooperation among Customs administrations with the WCO;

Recognizing that the dissemination of information, training and technical assistance are considered indispensable for the uniform implementation of key Customs-related international conventions, recommendations and other standards;

Recognizing that the WCO provides relevant and meaningful training and technical assistance to its Members; and

Recognizing the important role and significant potential of Saudi Customs in supporting the WCO in its efforts to provide assistance to WCO Members;
Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**
The WCO will use the Training Centre at Saudi Customs in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia as a Regional Bio-Resources (Detector Dog) Training Centre.

**Article 2**
Saudi Customs will make available to countries of the North of Africa, Near and Middle East Region and the WCO, the facilities of the existing Bio-Resources Training Centre for the purposes of regional training of dog-handling specialists and dogs for detecting narcotic substances, explosives, tobacco products and possibly other materials.

**Article 3**
1. Each Party will communicate to the other its training plans in order to define the use of the facilities of the Regional Bio-Resources Training Centre.
2. The WCO should give advance notice of not less than two months before each planned event, along with the necessary information to confirm the event.
3. Within one month from the date of signing of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties will designate liaison officers to coordinate matters arising from implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding.

**Article 4**
Saudi Customs will make available training courts, classrooms together with training aids, meeting rooms, enclosures for the bio-resources, special transport means and other service facilities of the existing Bio-Resources (Detector Dog) Training Centre, for use in the regional programmes.

**Article 5**
1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature.
2. This Memorandum of Understanding can be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties, in writing.

3. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Party at any time, by written notification, and shall cease to have effect after one month from the date of delivery of such notification to the other Party.

Done in the city of Brussels on Monday, 22/07/1436 AH corresponding to 11/05/2015 AG in two originals in Arabic and English, both texts being equally authentic.

On behalf of the World Customs Organization

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