

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the World Customs Organization<sup>1</sup>**

The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) and the World Customs Organization (WCO), hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”:

**Based on the** Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of 29 May 2014 and the Convention establishing a Customs Co-operation Council of 15 December 1950,

**Recognizing** that the Parties seek to ensure effective functioning of international trade through the use of international instruments, the promotion of best Customs practices, and Customs modernization programmes,

**Recognizing** that the Parties wish to establish and develop cooperation based on mutual support and to create the mechanism for such cooperation,

**Recognizing** that the exchange of information, training activities and technical assistance are essential for the unified application of the key international conventions, recommendations and other standards in the Customs sphere,

**Abiding by** the principles of equality, transparency and mutual understanding,

Have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**  
**General**

The Parties agree to cooperate and consult on matters of common interest in order to coordinate their efforts on trade facilitation and improvement of Customs regulations each within its own competence, as well as to contribute to the economic development of the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union and of the WCO.

**Article 2**  
**Scope of cooperation**

For the purposes of this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties agree to cooperate in the following areas:

- Improvement of Customs, based on international standards;
- Development of international Customs cooperation;
- Elaboration of effective and modern standards in the Customs sphere;
- Establishment of practical cooperation between the Parties in Customs matters;
- Implementation of best Customs practices;
- Harmonization and increased effectiveness in the use of the resources of Customs administrations;
- Increase in effectiveness of Customs controls;
- Development of Customs infrastructure.

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<sup>1</sup> Established in 1952 as the Customs Co-operation Council.

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**Article 3**  
**Forms of cooperation**

The Parties agree to cooperate, where appropriate and inter alia, in the following forms:

- Exchange of publically available information and documents concerning matters of common interest;
- Participation of the representatives of one Party in relevant events organized by the other Party;
- Organization of joint meetings, consultations, scientific seminars and conferences on matters of common interest.

**Article 4**  
**Programmes of activities**

The Parties shall invite each other to meetings and events of common interest in accordance with the relevant rules and procedures of each Organization.

The terms and procedures for the holding of joint meetings shall be determined by the Parties in each specific case.

**Article 5**  
**Entry into force, amendments, termination**

The Memorandum of Understanding does not constitute an international agreement and does not impose legal and financial obligations on either of the Parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties by concluding a supplementary agreement.

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Party at any time, by written notification. In such case, the Memorandum of Understanding shall terminate on the date stipulated in the notification.


Done at Brussels on 17 June 2016 in two originals each in the English and Russian languages. In case of any discrepancy, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Eurasian Economic Commission**



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