



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between

the World Customs Organization
and the Ministry of Customs and Trade of the Republic of Turkey
regarding the establishment of a World Customs Organization
Regional Dog Training Centre
in Ankara, Republic of Turkey

The World Customs Organization¹ hereinafter referred to as the WCO, and the Ministry of Customs and Trade of the Republic of Turkey hereinafter referred to as the Turkish Customs Administration:

ACKNOWLEDGING the enormous challenges facing Customs administrations due to increasing volumes of trade, globalization of trade, and regional integration;

ACKNOWLEDGING that changing trading patterns, the need for more facilitation of trade and the requirement to produce more with limited resources calls for enhanced cooperation among Customs administrations and with the WCO;

RECOGNIZING that the dissemination of information, training and technical assistance are 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;

Have agreed as follows:

¹ Established in 1952 as the Customs Co-operation Council.

Paragraph 1

The WCO and **the** Turkish Customs Administration will establish a WCO Regional Dog Training Centre at the Turkish Customs Dog Training Centre in Ankara.

The WCO will use the facilities of the Turkish Customs Dog Training Centre for the purposes of regional training of dog-handling specialists and dogs for detecting narcotic substances, tobacco products and possibly other materials (banknotes, explosives, etc.).

Paragraph 2

In order to achieve the objectives laid down in Paragraph 1, **the** Turkish Customs Administration will make the Turkish Customs Dog Training Centre available to the WCO.

Paragraph 3

The Turkish Customs Administration will continue to own and run the Turkish Customs Dog Training Centre, and use it for its own national and international programmes.

Paragraph 4

1. The Parties will communicate to each other their training plans in order to define the use of the facilities of the WCO Regional Dog Training Centre.

2. The WCO should give Turkish Customs Administration 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 its implementation.

Paragraph 5

The Turkish Customs Administration will make available training courts, classrooms together with training aids, meeting rooms, accommodation for students, enclosures for the dogs, special transport means and other service facilities of the Turkish Customs Dog Training Centre for use by the WCO.

Paragraph 6

1. This Memorandum of Understanding does not constitute an international agreement binding under international law. No provision of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be interpreted as creating legal rights or commitments between the WCO and the Turkish Customs Administration.

2. This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective upon signature.

3. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Party at any time, by written notification. This Memorandum of Understanding shall cease to have effect immediately after the receipt of such notification by the other Party.

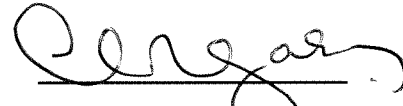
4. This Memorandum of Understanding can be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties, in writing.

Done in Brussels, Belgium, on 8 July 2017 in two originals in each of the English and Turkish languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.



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