Memorandum of Understanding between the State Customs Service under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic and the World Customs Organization regarding the Establishment of a World Customs Organization Regional Training Centre in the Kyrgyz Republic

The State Customs Service under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic\(^1\), hereinafter referred to as the SCS, and the World Customs Organization\(^2\), hereinafter referred to as the WCO:

ACKNOWLEDGING the increasing tasks entrusted to Customs administrations in connection with the globalization of trade and regional integration;

BASED ON the need for trade facilitation and enhanced cooperation between Customs administrations and the WCO;

RECOGNIZING that international and regional cooperation is the basis for improving the effectiveness of Customs administrations;

RECOGNIZING that training and technical assistance are necessary for the uniform implementation of major international conventions, recommendations and other standards related to Customs administrations;

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

RECOGNIZING the important role and significant potential of the Kyrgyz Republic in supporting the World Customs Organization in its efforts to provide assistance to WCO Members;

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\(^1\)The State Customs Service under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic; Kyrgyz Republic, Bishkek, 720020, 4a Baitik Batir Str.

\(^2\)Established in 1952 as the Customs Cooperation Council; Rue du Marché, 30, B-1210 Brussels, Belgium.
HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The purpose of this Memorandum is to create the conditions for cooperation and mutual understanding between the Parties in pursuit of common goals and objectives of regional training. The WCO and the SCS will establish the WCO Regional Training Centre in the Kyrgyz Republic\(^3\), hereinafter referred to as the "Training Centre", on the basis of the Training Specialized Customs Office of the SCS.

Article 2

In order to achieve the objectives set forth in Article 1 of this Memorandum, the Parties conduct regional training workshops, seminars, technical assistance meetings, the exchange of the latest scientific and technical information and other Customs activities on a mutually beneficial basis.

Article 3

The SCS will provide, free of charge, for use by the WCO, classrooms, training equipment, accommodation facilities and meeting rooms of the Training Centre necessary for holding joint events.

Article 4

The SCS will continue to manage the Training Centre and use it to conduct programmes at the national and international level.

Article 5

1. The Parties will exchange action plans for the use of the Training Centre. The WCO should give advance notice of not less than 2 months before each planned event, along with the necessary information to confirm the event.

2. Within one month of the date of signature of this Memorandum, the Parties will designate liaison officers to coordinate matters arising in connection with its implementation.

\(^3\)Leninskoe village, Chu Region, Kyrgyz Republic.
Article 6

In order to implement this Memorandum for holding international events in accordance with the plans, the WCO will provide the Training Centre with scientific, practical and technical assistance, as appropriate.

Article 7

The financial support of the activities envisaged under this Memorandum shall be decided and agreed upon by mutual agreement of the Parties in each particular case.

Article 8

Disputes and disagreements arising between the Parties during the interpretation and implementation of this Memorandum shall be resolved through negotiations and consultations.

Article 9

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

2. This Memorandum shall terminate upon expiration of six months from the date of receipt by one of the Parties of a written notification of the other Party of its intention to terminate it.

3. This Memorandum can be amended or supplemented by mutual agreement of the Parties in written form.

Signed in Brussels, Belgium, on 19 December 2018, in two original copies, each in English, Russian, and Kyrgyz languages, all texts being equally authentic.

In case of disputes arising from the interpretation of the provisions of this Memorandum, the English text shall prevail.

For the State Customs Service
Under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic

Shamil Berdaliyev, First Deputy Chairman.

For the World Customs Organization

Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General.