



WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION  
ORGANISATION MONDIALE DES DOUANES



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**between  
the World Customs Organization  
and the Customs Administration of the Czech Republic  
regarding the establishment of a World Customs Organization  
Regional Dog Training Centre  
in Heřmanice, Czech Republic**

The World Customs Organization<sup>1</sup>, hereinafter referred to as the WCO, and the Customs Administration of the Czech Republic :

**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 co-operation 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 :

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

## **Article 1**

The WCO and the Customs Administration of the Czech Republic will establish a WCO Regional Dog Training Centre in Heřmanice.

The WCO will use the facilities of the existing 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.).

## **Article 2**

In order to achieve the objectives laid down in Article 1, the Customs Administration of the Czech Republic will make its existing dog training centre available to the WCO.

## **Article 3**

The Customs Administration of the Czech Republic will continue to own and run the dog training centre, and use it for its own national and international programmes.

## **Article 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 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 co-ordinate matters arising from its implementation.

## Article 5

### Technical conditions for the use of the WCO Regional Dog Training Centre

The Customs Administration of the Czech Republic 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 existing dog training centre, for use by the WCO.

## Article 6

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

Done in Heřmanice, Czech Republic, on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 2005 in two originals in the English, French and Czech languages, all the texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.



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