



WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION,
THE SECRETARIA DA RECEITA FEDERAL DO BRASIL AND
THE ESCOLA DE ADMINISTRAÇÃO FAZENDÁRIA,
REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRE
IN BRASÍLIA, BRAZIL**

The World Customs Organization, hereinafter referred to as the WCO, the Secretaria da Receita Federal do Brasil, hereinafter referred to as Brazilian Customs, and the Escola de Administração Fazendária, hereinafter referred to as ESAF,

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;

RECOGNIZING that international and regional co-operation provides a useful framework for the promotion of Customs effectiveness and efficiency;

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 has widely acknowledged experience in offering training and technical assistance to its Members;

RECOGNIZING the important role and significant potential of Brazilian Customs in supporting the WCO in its efforts to provide WCO Members with assistance and training opportunities; and

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RECOGNIZING the important institutional role and experience of ESAF in supporting the training and development of Customs civil servants in Brazil and abroad;

Have agreed as follows :

Article 1

The WCO, the Brazilian Customs and ESAF will establish a WCO Regional Training Centre in Brasilia - Federal District (DF) - Brazil, for the purposes of promoting technical co-operation and delivering efficient regional training in Customs-related events.

Article 2

The WCO Regional Training Centre shall be located at ESAF, Estrada de Unaf, km 4 – Lago Sul, Brasilia – Federal District (DF), which is equipped with the appropriate facilities to host regional training, technical assistance meetings and other Customs-related events.

Article 3

ESAF shall be responsible for administering the WCO Regional Training Centre whose courses and events shall be incorporated into the overall curricula and programmes delivered.

Article 4

The WCO Regional Training Centre's Annual Plan of Events shall be proposed and approved by the Parties. This may be amended by the Centre Administration upon referral to the signatories during the course of the year.

Article 5

Within a period of one month subsequent to the date this Memorandum of Understanding is signed, the Parties shall designate officials to be in charge of carrying out the preparation and execution of the Joint Regional Customs Training Centre implementation project.

Article 6

ESAF shall be responsible for making available classrooms, an auditorium, meeting rooms, dormitories and the regular support necessary to hold events in accordance with the Plan scheduled by the Centre, with all activities to be held subject to the limits and rules set out by the respective work plans of the Parties involved, as well as the availability of the resources of said Parties.

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Article 7

The Parties shall retain the right to use the teaching materials resulting from activities carried out during the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding under the related copyrights and intellectual property rights conditions. If the documents referred to are published, the Parties must be formally mentioned in the published document.

Article 8

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be valid from the date it is signed and may be terminated by any of the Parties at any moment subject to notification in writing. Upon receipt of said notification by the other Parties, this Memorandum of Understanding shall immediately cease to have effect.

This Memorandum of Understanding can be amended by agreement of the Parties, in written form.

Signed in *Brussels*....., on...*8 December*..... 2009, in two copies in both English and Portuguese, the texts in both languages having equal legal force.

On behalf of the
Secretaria da Receita Federal
do Brasil

On behalf of the
World Customs Organization

On behalf of the
Escola de Administração
Fazendária



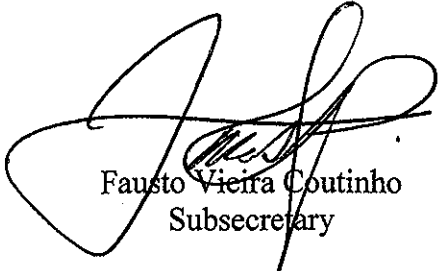
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