



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**The Customs Administration of China and  
the World Customs Organization**

**regarding the establishment of a World Customs Organization  
Regional Dog Training Center in China**

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

**ACKNOWLEDGING** the enormous challenges facing Customs administrations and 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;

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

## **Have agreed as follows:**

### Article 1

The Customs Administration of China and the WCO will establish a WCO Regional Dog Training Center in China, which will be hosted by Beijing Dog Training Base and Ruili Dog Training Base.

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

### Article 2

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

### Article 3

The Customs Administration of China will continue to own and run the dog training center, and use it for its own national and international programs.

### Article 4

1. The parties will communicate to each other their training plans in order to define the use of the WCO Regional Dog Training Center.
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 the Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties will designate liaison officers to co-ordinate matters arising from its implementation.

## Article 5

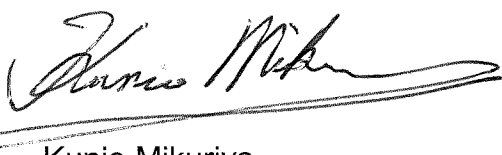
### Technical conditions for the use of the WCO Regional Dog Training Center

The Customs Administration of China 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 center, 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.

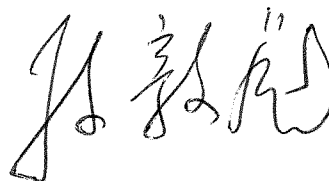
Done in Brussels (Belgium) on 30th June 2012 in two originals in the English and the Chinese language, all the texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.



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