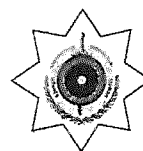




WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION  
ORGANISATION MONDIALE DES DOUANES



THE STATE CUSTOMS COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF AZERBAIJAN

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

**between**  
**the World Customs Organization**  
**and the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan**  
**on the use of the**  
**Dog Training Center of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan**  
**as World Customs Organization Regional Dog Training Centre**

The World Customs Organization<sup>1</sup> (WCO) and the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan, hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Parties”, and individually as “a Party”;

**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:

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

## **Article 1**

The WCO will use the facilities of the Dog Training Center of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan as World Customs Organization Regional 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 State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan will make its existing dog training centre available to the WCO.

## **Article 3**

The State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan 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 for the WCO Regional Dog Training Centre.
2. The WCO should give advance notice, together with necessary information, not less than two months before each planned event, in order 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.

## **Article 5**

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

The State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan 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 take effect on the date of receipt by the WCO, through diplomatic channels, of the written notification of the Azerbaijani side confirming the completion of its respective internal procedures required for the entry into effect of this Memorandum of Understanding.
2. Either Party may, at any time, notify the other Party in written form, through diplomatic channels, of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding. The termination shall take effect 15 days after the receipt of such notification by the other Party.
3. Any additions and amendments may be made to this Memorandum of Understanding by mutual consent of the Parties. Such additions and amendments shall be made in the form of separate protocols being an integral part of this Memorandum of Understanding and shall take effect in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article.

Done in Baku on 7 September 2015 in two originals in the English and the Azerbaijani languages, both the texts being equally authentic. In case of discrepancy between the English and Azerbaijani language versions of this Memorandum of Understanding, the English version will prevail.



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