



WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION



U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

**the World Customs Organization
and United States Customs and Border Protection
regarding the establishment of a World Customs Organization
Regional Dog Training Centre
in the United States**

The World Customs Organization¹ (WCO), and United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP), hereinafter referred to as "Participants" :

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:

¹ Established in 1952 as the Customs Co-operation Council.

Article 1

The WCO and CBP intend to establish a WCO Regional Dog Training Centre at the CBP Canine Program centers.

The WCO will endeavor to use the facilities of the CBP Canine Program for the purposes of regional training of canine instructors, handlers and dogs for disciplines including concealed human narcotics detection, human remains detection, currency/firearms detection, patrol, tracking and trailing, and search and rescue.

Article 2

In order to achieve the objectives laid down in Article 1, CBP intends to make the CBP Canine Program centers available to the WCO for the purposes of regional training.

Article 3

CBP will continue to own and run the CBP Canine Program centers and use them for its own national and international programs.

Article 4

1. The Participants should endeavor to 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 CBP advance notice of not less than three 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 Participants 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

CBP intends to make available training courts, classrooms together with training aids, meeting rooms, enclosures for the dogs, special transport means and other service facilities of the CBP Canine Program Centers for use by the WCO. All coordination for training from the CBP Canine Program is expected to be facilitated through the CBP Office of International Affairs. Any training provided will require vetting through the CBP Office of International Affairs prior to implementation.

Article 6

1. This Memorandum of Understanding is to be implemented on the date of its signature.

2. Either Participant may discontinue participation under the Memorandum of Understanding at any time by notifying the other Participant in writing. This Memorandum of Understanding ceases to have effect immediately after the receipt of such notification by the other Participant.

3. This Memorandum of Understanding can be modified by mutual agreement of the Participants in writing.

Done in Brussels, Belgium, on 8 July 2017 in two originals in the English language.



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