



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION AND THE CANADA BORDER SERVICES AGENCY REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION REGIONAL DOG TRAINING CENTRE IN CANADA**

The World Customs Organization (“**WCO**”), and the Canada Border Services Agency (“**CBSA**”), hereinafter referred to as the “Participants”,

**CONSIDERING** that the WCO was established in 1952 as the Customs Co-operation Council and provides relevant and meaningful training and technical assistance to its Members, including training in the canine area;

**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;

**SEEKING** to jointly ensure the successful deployment of CBSA-trained detector dogs and their handlers in WCO Member States;

HAVE REACHED the following understanding:

**1. Objective**

The Participants will establish a WCO Regional Dog Training Centre at the CBSA College located in Rigaud, Quebec, Canada.

**2. Use of Facilities**

- (a) The CBSA will make the CBSA College available, on a cost recovery basis, to the WCO for the regional training of dog-handling specialists and dogs for the detection of narcotics, firearms, tobacco, food plant and animal products and any other substance that they may mutually decide upon.
- (b) The CBSA will continue to own and manage the CBSA College, and use it for its own national and international programs.
- (c) The Participants will 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.

- (d) The WCO will endeavor to give the CBSA a minimum of three (3) months advance notice before the beginning of each year's planned training events, with the necessary information to confirm the training event.

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

The CBSA 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 CBSA Dog Detector Training Centre for use by the WCO. All coordination for training from the CBSA is expected to be facilitated through the CBSA College. Any training provided will require vetting by the CBSA College prior to its implementation.

### **4. Points of Contact**

Within one (1) month from the date of entry into effect of this Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") the Participants will designate officers to coordinate matters arising from its implementation.

### **5. Status**

This MOU is not legally binding.

### **6. Communications**

The Participants will ensure that communications between them for the implementation of this MOU are made in English or French.

### **7. Difference in interpretation and implementation**

The Participants will resolve any difference in the interpretation and implementation of this MOU through consultations.


### **8. Final Dispositions**

- (a) This MOU will take effect on the date of signature by the last signing Participant.
- (b) The Participants may amend this MOU upon their mutual consent in writing.
- (c) A Participant may terminate this MOU by giving a written notice to the other Participant. Termination of this MOU will enter into effect within three (3) months after reception of the notification by the other Participant.

Signed in duplicate at Brussels, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018, in the English and French languages, each version being equally valid.



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