



**WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION  
ORGANISATION MONDIALE DES DOUANES**



National Tax and  
Customs Administration

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
between**

**the World Customs Organization  
and the National Tax and Customs Administration of Hungary  
regarding the establishment of a World Customs Organization  
Regional Dog Training Centre  
in Hungary**

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

**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:

**Article 1**

The WCO and NTCA will establish a WCO Regional Dog Training Centre at the Dog Training Centre of the NTCA in Budapest.

The WCO will use the facilities of the Dog Training Centre of the NTCA 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 NTCA will make its Dog Training Centre available to the WCO.

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

### **Article 3**

The NTCA will continue to own and run its Dog Training Centre.

### **Article 4**

1. The Parties will 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 the NTCA 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 this Memorandum of Understanding the Parties will designate liaison officers to coordinate matters arising from its implementation.

### **Article 5**

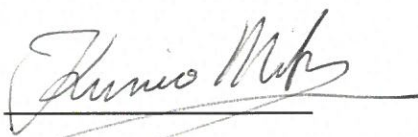
#### **Technical conditions for the use of the WCO Regional Dog Training Centre**

The Dog Training Centre of the NTCA will provide the WCO with training courts, classrooms together with training aids, meeting rooms, accommodation and catering for students, enclosures for the dogs, special transport means and transfers.

### **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 the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2018, in two originals in the English and the Hungarian language. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.



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