



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

the State Customs Service under the Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic

and

the World Customs Organization

regarding

the Establishment of a World Customs Organization

Regional Dog Training Centre

in the Kyrgyz Republic

The State Customs Service under the Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic (hereinafter referred to as the SCS) and the World Customs Organization¹ (hereinafter referred to as the WCO), hereinafter referred to as the Parties:

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 SCS and the WCO will establish a WCO Regional Dog Training Centre in the Kyrgyz Republic at the Specialized Training Customs, hereinafter referred to as the Training Centre.

The WCO will use the facilities of the existing Training Centre for the purposes of regional training of dog-handling specialists and dogs for detecting narcotics, psychotropic substances, potent, explosive substances, firearms, ammunition, banknotes and other materials with a specific smell.

Article 2

In order to achieve the objectives laid down in Article 1 of this Memorandum of Understanding, the SCS will make the existing training and dog-training base of the Training Centre available to the WCO.

Article 3

The SCS will continue to own and run the training and dog-training base of the Training Centre and use it for its own national and international programmes.

Article 4

1. The Parties will communicate their training plans to each other in order to define the use of the facilities of the WCO Regional Dog Training Centre.
2. The WCO should give the SCS an advance notice of not less than two (2) 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 SCS 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 Training Centre, necessary for joint activities, 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 Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, on 3rd of November 2021 in two originals in the English and Russian languages, both texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.



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