



الهيئة العامة للجمارك
General Authority of Customs



WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION
ORGANISATION MONDIALE DES DOUANES

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The World Customs Organization
And
The General Authority of Customs of the State of Qatar
Regarding
The Establishment of a World Customs Organization
Regional Training Centre in Qatar

The General Authority of Customs of the State of Qatar, hereinafter referred to as Qatari Customs, and the World Customs Organization, hereinafter referred to as WCO:

ACKNOWLEDGING the enormous challenges facing Customs Administrations due to increasing volume 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 which calls for enhanced cooperation between Customs administrations and with the WCO;

RECOGNIZING that international and regional cooperation provides useful framework for the promotion of Customs effectiveness and efficiency;

RECOGNIZING that the disseminating of information, training and technical support 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;

RECOGNIZING the important role and the significant potentials of Qatari Customs in supporting the WCO in its efforts to provide assistance to WCO members;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The WCO and Qatari Customs will establish a WCO Regional Training Centre, hereinafter referred to as the Regional Training Centre, in Qatar. The WCO will use the facilities of the Training Centre for regional training purposes, technical assistance meetings and other Customs-related events.

Article 2

In order to achieve the objectives laid down in article (1), Qatari Customs will make available to the WCO its Regional Training Centre located in Qatar.

Article 3

Qatari Customs will continue to run the Regional 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 use the facilities of the Regional Training Centre, and the WCO should give advance notice of not less than 2 months before each planned event, along with the necessary information to confirm the event.
- 2- The Parties will designate liaison officers within one month from the date of signing of this Memorandum of Understanding to co-ordinate matters arising from its implementation.

Article 5

Technical conditions for the use of the regional training centre

Qatari Customs will make available classrooms, together with regular training aids, meeting rooms, residential rooms and other service facilities of the Regional Training Centre, for use by the WCO.

Article 6

- 1- The 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 notice. And shall cease have effect immediately after the receipt of such notice by the other Party.



3- This Memorandum of Understanding can be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties, in written form.

This MOU has been executed on the 17th of January 2022, in two originals in each of the English and Arabic languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence of interpretation, the English shall prevail.



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