



World Customs Organization
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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT OF
HONG KONG, CHINA

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
the World Customs Organization
and
the Customs and Excise Department of Hong Kong, China
regarding the establishment of a World Customs Organization
Regional Dog Training Centre
in Hong Kong, China

The World Customs Organization¹, hereinafter referred to as the WCO, and the Customs and Excise Department of Hong Kong, China, hereinafter referred to as the Hong Kong, China Customs Administration:

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 call 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;

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

Have decided as follows:

- 1.1 The WCO and the Hong Kong, China Customs Administration will establish a WCO Regional Dog Training Centre in Hong Kong, which will be hosted by the Customs Canine Force of the Hong Kong, China Customs Administration, located at Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Customs Dog Base.
- 1.2 The WCO will use the facilities of the dog training centre of the Customs Canine Force for the purposes of training of dogs and of personnel related to detector dog programmes.
- 2 In order to achieve the objectives laid down in paragraph 1.2, the Hong Kong, China Customs Administration will make the dog training centre of the Customs Canine Force available to the WCO.
- 3 The Hong Kong, China Customs Administration will continue to own and run the dog training centre of the Customs Canine Force, and use it for its own programs, including regional and international programmes.
- 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.
- 4.2 The WCO should give Hong Kong, China Customs Administration advance notice of not less than two (2) months before each planned event, along with the necessary information to confirm the event.
- 4.3 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.
- 5 The Hong Kong, China Customs Administration 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 dog training centre of the Customs Canine Force, for use by the WCO.

- 6.1 This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its signature.
- 6.2 This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either Party at any time, by written notification to the other Party. This Memorandum of Understanding will cease to have effect immediately after the receipt of such notification by the other Party.
- 6.3 This Memorandum of Understanding can be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties, in writing.

Done in Brussels, Belgium, on 24 June 2023, in two original copies in the English language.



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