



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION
AND
THE CENTRAL BOARD OF INDIRECT TAXES &
CUSTOMS OF INDIA
REGARDING
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD CUSTOMS
ORGANIZATION REGIONAL TRAINING CENTRE IN INDIA**

The World Customs Organization¹, hereinafter referred to as the WCO, and the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs of India, hereinafter referred to as the Indian 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 calls for enhanced cooperation among Customs administrations and with the WCO;

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

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;

RECOGNIZING the important role and the significant potential of India in supporting the World Customs Organization in its efforts to provide assistance to WCO Members;

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Definitions:

- 1.1. "Customs Training Centres" refers to NACIN Palasamudram, NACIN Faridabad, and NACIN Zonal Campus Bengaluru, located respectively in Palasamudram, Faridabad, and Bengaluru and made available by the Indian Customs Administration for the establishment of a WCO Regional Training Centre.
- 1.2. "Regional Training Centre" refers to the regional Customs Training Centre established by the WCO and Indian Customs according to this Memorandum of Understanding and relying on/using the premises of NACIN Palasamudram, NACIN Faridabad, and NACIN Zonal Campus Bengaluru.

Article 2

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

¹ Established in 1952 as the Customs Cooperation Council.

Article 3

In order to achieve the objectives laid down in Article 2 the Indian Customs Administration will make available to the WCO its Customs Training Centres located in Palasamudram, Faridabad and Bengaluru.

Article 4

The Indian Customs Administration will continue to run these Customs Training Centres, and use them for its own national and international programmes.

Article 5

1. The Parties will communicate to each other their training plans in order to define the use of the facilities of the Regional Training Centre. 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. 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 6

Technical conditions for the use of the Training Centre

The Indian Customs Administration will make available classrooms, together with regular training aids, meeting rooms, residential rooms and other service facilities of the Customs Training Centres, for use by the WCO.

Article 7

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 written form.
4. This Memorandum of Understanding supersedes and replaces the Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Parties on 9 May 2019.

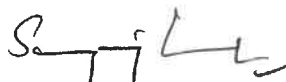
Done in Brussels, Belgium, on this 29th day of June 2024 in two copies in the English language.

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