



WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANIZATION



General Administration of Customs
People's Republic of China

Memorandum of Understanding
between the
World Customs Organization
and the
General Administration of Customs
of the People's Republic of China
regarding the
Establishment of a World Customs Organization
Regional Training Centre
in the People's Republic of China

The World Customs Organization¹, hereinafter referred to as the WCO, and the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China, hereinafter referred to as China Customs :

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 co-operation among Customs administrations and with the WCO;

RECOGNIZING that international and regional co-operation 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 the People's Republic of China in supporting the World Customs Organization in its efforts to provide assistance to WCO Members;

Have agreed as follows:

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

Article 1

Definitions:

- 1.1. "Customs Training Centres" refers to Shanghai Customs College and Xiamen Education and Training Center located respectively in Shanghai and Xiamen and made available by China Customs 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 China Customs according to this MOU and relying on/using the premises of the Shanghai and Xiamen Customs Training Centres.

Article 2

The WCO and China Customs will establish a WCO Regional Training Centre, hereinafter referred to as the Regional Training Centre, in the People's Republic of China. 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.

Article 3

In order to achieve the objectives laid down in Article 1, China Customs will make available to the WCO its Customs Training Centres located in Shanghai and Xiamen.

Article 4

China Customs will continue to run those 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 co-ordinate matters arising from its implementation.

Article 6

Technical conditions for the use of the Regional Training Centre

China Customs 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 26 June 2004.

Done in Brussels, Belgium, on this ^{6th} day of July 2017, in two copies in the English and Chinese languages. In case of any divergences between the English and Chinese versions, the English shall prevail.


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