

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON CUSTOMS COOPERATION
BETWEEN
THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CUSTOMS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA
AND
THE CUSTOMS DIRECTORATE OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

This Memorandum of Understanding executed this 24th day of April 1998 at the city of Taipei, R.O.C. by and between:

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CUSTOMS OF THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA represented herein by De-Ho Jan, Director General,

and

THE CUSTOMS DIRECTORATE OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC
herein represented by Jaromir Kaliciak, Director General,

WITNESSETH:

Whereas, the ROC Customs Service and the Slovak Customs Administration have engaged in bilateral cooperation, and this cooperative relationship has been strengthened with the visit by Slovak Customs officials to the ROC on one end and the ROC Customs officials to the Slovak Republic on the other end;

Whereas, it is in the mutual beneficial interests of the ROC Customs Service and the Slovak Customs Administration to pursue the path of customs cooperation which has already been established by both Customs authorities;

Whereas, within the limits obtaining under international laws and the respective national laws and policies of both countries, the ROC Customs Service and the Slovak Customs Administration shall undertake to exert their best efforts to concretize certain propositions geared towards the prevention of smuggling and other customs frauds, and also improvement of human resources and trade facilitation;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises the parties hereby express their intentions to pursue and concretize, within the aforesaid

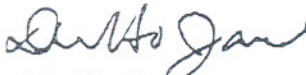
limits, the following propositions:

Proposition One : The Exchange of Foreign Trade Statistics, Customs Legislation and Information on Smuggling and Customs Fraud.

Proposition Two : The Exchange of Official Visit and Customs Officer Training Programs.

It is further understood that both parties will pursue in the future further discussions on the Signing of a Customs Cooperation Agreement between the ROC Customs Service and the Slovak Customs Administration after consultation with their respective government agencies concerned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have affixed their signatures on the date and at the place above stated.



(De-Ho Jan)

Director General

Directorate General of Customs

Republic of China



(Jaromir Kaliciak)

Director General

Customs Directorate

Slovak Republic

Attested by



(Ching-Chang Yen)

Political Vice Minister

Ministry of Finance

Republic of China