

## **Arrangement on Cooperation between the Taiwan Customs Service and the Finnish Customs Service to Combat Customs Fraud**

To increase the effectiveness of efforts to combat smuggling and other customs offences through the creation of practical cooperation between the implementing departments of the Taiwan Customs and the Finnish Customs, hereinafter referred to as "the Participants", have come to the following understanding:

### **I. General provisions**

All activities conducted by the Participants and their designated implementing departments under this Arrangement should be carried out in accordance with local laws as well as applicable international agreements.

### **II. Organizational aspects of the cooperation**

The Participants will prepare a list of the persons authorized to contact each other for enforcement matters. The Participants will inform each other immediately about any changes regarding these contact persons. The Participants will share information about the tasks and the area of responsibility of the designated contact persons.

### **III. Cooperation and prevention of customs offences relating to the trade in goods**

In order to detect, prevent and disclose customs offences, the Participants may exchange requests concerning smuggling and other cases of fraud as well as concerning the illegal import, export or transit of goods. The information exchanged in the process may be used by both Participants.

#### IV. Exchange of information

The exchange of information between the Participants may not infringe the local laws or EU regulations on data protection. The Participants will take all lawful steps available to them to ensure that all information provided or generated pursuant to this Arrangement is used only for the purpose it was provided and is protected from further disclosure unless the other Participant consents to such a disclosure.

Any information received under this Arrangement shall be subject to the same confidentiality and protection as the same kind of information is subject to under the laws and regulations of the Participant where it is received.

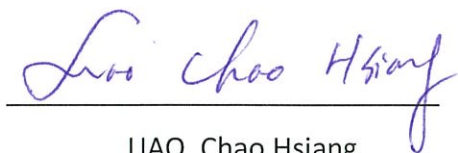
Notwithstanding the termination of this Arrangement, this Paragraph will continue to apply between the Taiwan Customs and the Finnish Customs.

#### V. Date of coming into effect of the Arrangement, modification and duration

1. This Arrangement may be modified in writing by both Participants' mutual consent. Any such modification will apply upon signature by the Participants.
2. If one Participant wishes to end its cooperation under this Arrangement, it should provide at least 90 days' advance written notice of this to the other Participant.
3. This Arrangement will come into effect upon the date of signature.

#### VI. Points of contact see Annex 1

Signed in duplicate at Helsinki on 19 January 2017 in the English language.



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## **Annex I of the Arrangement on Cooperation between the Taiwan Customs Service and the Finnish Customs Service to Combat Customs Fraud**

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