

On the basis of State Administration Act, Article 59 (OJ of the RS, No. 52/02), Customs Service Act, Articles 7, 10 and 12 (OJ of the RS No. 56/99) and Police Act, Articles 5, 6 and 8 (OJ of the RS, No. 49/98), the General Director of the Customs Administration of the Republic of Slovenia and the General Director of the Police have adopted the following

## **AGREEMENT ON MUTUAL COOPERATION**

In order to support their willingness to extend the cooperation between the Customs Administration and the Police with the consideration of previous successful cooperation and for the mutual benefit, with joint efforts and coordinated approach towards providing efficient exercising of customs and border control, prevention, detection and investigation of criminal offences and misdemeanours, under the competency of the both services, aiming to provide a higher level of safety in the state, as well as the safety of the both services' employees.

### **Fields of Cooperation**

#### **Article 1**

The Customs Administration and the Police shall cooperate with regard of all mutual issues, with special accent on detection and investigation of criminal offences and misdemeanours in the sphere of frauds, counterfeit documents, illicit trafficking in fire arms, explosives, weapons of mass destruction, dual use materials, hazardous waste, smuggling of goods, illegal trafficking in illicit drugs and precursors, corruption, illegal crossings of the state border.

### **Levels of Cooperation**

#### **Article 2**

The General Customs Administration and the General Police Directorate shall cooperate at the national level and mutually discuss and coordinate the tasks within the scope of their activities.

At the regional level, the mutual cooperation shall be implemented directly by customs offices and police directorates and between the customs houses and police stations at the local level, respectively.

### **Forms of Cooperation**

#### **Article 3**

The Customs Administration and the Police cooperate primarily cooperate by:

- Joint meetings;
- Appointing contact persons at the state and the regional level;

- Sharing and exchange of information and data;
- Joint liaison officers abroad;
- Offering technical and other assistance;
- Joint planning and coordination of operative activities, including organising of mutual actions and other forms of cooperation in exercising border and customs control at border crossings;
- Joint training;
- Other forms of cooperation upon mutual agreement.

## **Joint Meetings**

### **Article 4**

The General Director of the Customs Administration and the General Director of the Police shall summon at least once a year a joint meetings at the state level.

Joint meetings of customs offices and police directorates are summoned at least once a year, or as frequently as the need arises.

## **Contact Persons**

### **Article 5**

Contact persons shall be appointed at the state and regional level. The agencies shall mutually exchange their respective lists of contact persons and shall inform one another about eventual changes thereof.

## **Sharing and Exchange of Information and Data**

### **Article 6**

In accordance with the relevant regulations, the Customs Administration and the Police shall mutually exchange information and data, essential to a higher efficiency of their operative actions in specific spheres of activities and above all the following:

- About suspicions of criminal offences and misdemeanours, frequent manners and methods applied, especially about the goods as the objects and vehicles as the means used for committing the criminal offences and misdemeanours,
- About the expected density of traffic across the border crossings;
- About any other information they discover in the course of their activities and consider them useful for the other authority.

The exchange of information or data, respectively, shall as a rule be implemented through the a.m. contact persons and in the course of operative cooperation, directly between the agencies.

## **Joint Liaison Officer**

### **Article 7**

Upon mutual agreement a liaison officer from one agency can be appointed to act abroad as a joint representative of the both agencies. A special agreement shall be concluded by the both agencies in this respect.

## **Technical and Other Assistance**

### **Article 8**

Upon an official request, an agency can lend certain technical means or equipment to the other agency. The agencies shall agree about this on a case per case basis.

In implementing their activities each of the agencies may request the other agency for assistance.

## **Planning and Coordination of Operative Activities**

### **Article 9**

For the purpose of planning and coordination of operative activities the agencies shall agree on the manner and form of their cooperation at the joint meetings. Joint operative teams can also be formed and joint security actions can be planned and implemented.

In order to successfully implement controlled deliveries the agencies shall promptly exchange relevant information. The Customs Administration shall offer the necessary assistance and cooperation to the Police.

The public shall be informed about such mutual activities upon the agreement between the General Manager of the Customs Administration and the General Director of the Police, i.e. between the persons, appointed by them.

## **Training**

### **Article 10**

The Customs Administration and the Police shall cooperate in the sphere of training in such a manner that they shall jointly organize and co-finance joint training courses and exchange proposals on the contents of such training, the suggested trainers and materials.

The Validity of the Agreement

Article 11

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the signature by the both parties.

The lists of contact persons as per Article 5 hereof is attached to the Agreement.

The signed Agreement shall be forwarded to the customs offices by the Customs Administration and to the police directorates by the Police.

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