

ARTICLE 2

Scope of the Agreement

1. The Parties shall, through their customs administrations, provide mutual administrative assistance, under the terms set out in this Agreement, to ensure the proper application of customs laws, and to prevent, investigate and combat customs offences, and to ensure the security of the international trade supply chain.
2. The Parties shall provide assistance under this Agreement to the extent appropriate and consistent with their domestic law and administrative policies and procedures, and within the limits of their customs administrations' competence and available resources.
3. This Agreement is intended solely for mutual administrative assistance in customs matters between the Parties and does not affect any mutual legal assistance agreements between them. It does not confer any right to any person to obtain, suppress or exclude evidence, or to impede the execution of a request.

ARTICLE 3

Scope of Assistance

The Parties shall, through their customs administrations, on request or on their own initiative, provide each other with information intended to ensure that customs laws are properly applied, and to prevent, investigate and combat customs offences and to secure the international trade supply chain. This may include information relating to:

- (a) law enforcement techniques that have proven effective;
- (b) new trends, means or methods of committing customs offences;
- (c) any other data that may assist the customs administrations with risk assessment;
and
- (d) other matters of mutual interest.