

CHAPTER II

Scope of the Agreement

ARTICLE 2

1. The Contracting Parties, through their Customs Administrations, shall afford each other administrative assistance, under the terms set out in this Agreement, for the proper application of Customs law, for the prevention, investigation and combating of Customs offences and to ensure the security of the international trade supply chain.
2. The Contracting Parties shall provide assistance under this Agreement in accordance with their national legislation and within the limits of their Customs Administrations' competence and available resources.
3. This Agreement is without prejudice to the obligations of the Kingdom of the Netherlands under the legislation of the European Union concerning its present and future obligations as a Member State of the European Union and any legislation enacted to implement those obligations, as well as its present and future obligations resulting from international agreements between the Member States of the European Union.
4. The Customs Administration of the Kingdom of the Netherlands shall inform the Customs Administration of Canada of any obligations referred to in paragraph 3, arising after the date of signing this Agreement, which would affect the obligations arising in this Agreement.
5. This Agreement is intended solely for the mutual administrative assistance between the Contracting Parties; the provisions of this Agreement shall not give rise to a right on the part of any private person to obtain information, suppress or exclude any evidence or to impede the execution of a request.
6. If assistance on matters dealt with in this Agreement should be afforded in accordance with another cooperation agreement in force between the Contracting Parties, the requested Administration shall indicate which relevant authorities are concerned.