

3. Where authorized under paragraph 1 of this Article, information and other communications received under this Agreement may be used in criminal investigations or prosecutions or in other judicial or administrative proceedings.

4. The requesting Customs authority shall not use evidence or information obtained under this Agreement for purposes other than those stated in the request without the prior written consent of the requested Customs Authority.

ARTICLE 12

Personal Data

1. Personal data exchanged under this Agreement shall be subject to a level of protection equivalent to the level of protection maintained by the Party providing the data.

2. Parties shall provide each other with all legislation and administrative provisions relevant to this Article, concerning the personal data protection of their respective countries.

3. Personal data shall not be exchanged until the Parties have decided that the level of protection in their territories is equivalent, in accordance with Article 15(b) of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 13

Costs

1. The Customs authorities of the Parties shall normally waive all claims for the reimbursement of costs incurred in the execution of this Agreement, with the exception of expenses for witnesses, fees of experts and the cost of interpreters, other than government employees, which shall be borne by the requesting Party.

2. If expenses of a substantial and extraordinary nature are required to execute a request, the Customs authorities of the Parties shall consult to determine the terms and conditions under which the request may be carried out, as well as the manner in which the costs shall be borne.