

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
ON COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE
IN CUSTOMS MATTERS

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties",

CONSIDERING the importance of accurate assessment of customs duties and similar dues, and of ensuring proper enforcement by their customs administrations of prohibitions, restrictions and other control measures;

CONSIDERING that offences against customs laws threaten the security of the Parties' countries and their respective economic, commercial, financial, social, public health, and cultural interests;

RECOGNIZING the need for international cooperation in matters related to the administration and enforcement of their customs laws;

RECOGNIZING that the effectiveness of actions to combat breaches of customs laws, and especially measures against illegal trafficking in psychotropic and other controlled substances, can be enhanced by cooperation between their customs administrations;

ACKNOWLEDGING the obligations imposed by international conventions previously accepted or applied to the Parties;

WISHING to promote and facilitate the flow of legitimate goods between the two countries through cooperation between their customs administrations;

HAVE AGREED as follows: