

HAVING REGARD to international Conventions containing prohibitions, restrictions and measures of control in respect of specific goods;

HAVING regard to the Recommendation on Mutual Administrative Assistance and the Declaration on the Improvement of Customs Co-operation and Mutual Administrative Assistance (the Cyprus Declaration), adopted in December 1953 and June 2000, respectively, by the Customs Co-operation Council, now known as the World Customs Organization;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

ARTICLE 1

Definitions

For the purposes of this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) "Customs administration" shall mean the administration designated from time to time by either Party to the other as responsible for administering the Customs Law;
- (b) "Customs law" shall mean all the legal and administrative provisions applicable or enforceable by the Customs administrations in connection with the importation, exportation, transshipment, transit, storage, and movement of goods, including:
 - (i) the collection or repayment of duties, taxes and other charges;
 - (ii) action in relation to measures of prohibition, restriction or control;
 - (iii) action in relation to illegal trafficking in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances;
- (c) "Customs offence" shall mean any violation or attempted violation of Customs law;
- (d) "information" shall mean any data, whether or not processed or analysed, any documents, reports, and other communications in any format, including electronic, or certified or authenticated copies thereof;