

ARTICLE 6

Execution of Requests

1. The requested Customs authority shall take all reasonable measures to execute a request within a reasonable amount of time, including obtaining necessary judicial or administrative approvals where required under the domestic law of the requested Party.
2. If the requested Customs authority does not have the information requested, it shall initiate enquiries to obtain this information. If necessary, the requested Customs authority may be assisted by another competent authority of the requested Party. However, answers to requests shall be conveyed solely by the requested Customs authority.
3. In cases where the requested Customs authority is not the appropriate authority to respond to a request, it shall either promptly transmit the request to the appropriate authority, which will endeavour to respond to the request or advise the requesting Customs authority of the appropriate procedure to be followed regarding such a request.
4. Any enquiry under paragraph 2 of this Article may include the questioning of experts and witnesses or persons suspected of having committed a Customs offence, and the undertaking of any necessary investigations, verifications, inspections and fact-finding inquiries in connection with the matters referred to in this Agreement. When conducted, the results of such investigations, verifications, inspections and fact-finding inquiries shall be communicated as soon as possible to the requesting Customs authority.
5.
 - (a) On written request, and under any terms and conditions it may set, the requested Customs authority may allow officials of the requesting Party to be present in the territory of the requested Party when its officials are investigating offences which are of concern of the requesting Party, including allowing their presence during an inquiry.
 - (b) The presence of officials of the requesting Party in the territory of the requested Party shall be solely in an advisory capacity. Such officials shall not be allowed to exercise any legal or investigative power granted to officials of the requested Party under the domestic law of the requested Party.