ARTICLE 8

Experts and Witnesses

1. On request, the requested Party may authorize its officials to appear before a court or tribunal in the territory of the requesting Party as an expert or witness in a matter involving a Customs offence and to produce related files, documents or materials, or authenticated copies of those files, documents or materials that may be considered essential for the proceedings.

2. A Party shall ensure that the testimony of an official of the other Party who appears before a court or tribunal as an expert or witness is subject to domestic evidentiary laws, including laws on privilege and confidentiality.

ARTICLE 9

Use and Confidentiality of Information

1. Any information received under this Agreement shall be used only by the Customs administrations of the Parties and solely for the purposes of the Agreement, except in cases where the Customs administration supplying the information has authorised, in writing, its use by other authorities or for other purposes subject to any terms and conditions it may specify.

2. Any information received under this Agreement shall be treated as confidential and shall be subject to the same level of protection and confidentiality afforded to equivalent information under the domestic laws of the receiving Party.

ARTICLE 10

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. The Parties shall provide each other with copies of all domestic laws and administrative provisions concerning the personal data protection of their respective countries.

3. The Parties shall not exchange personal data until the Parties have decided that the level of protection in their territories is equivalent.