## **ARTICLE 4**

## Special Types of Assistance

- 1. On request, the requested Party shall, through its customs administration, and to the extent consistent with the domestic law and administrative procedures of the requested Party, provide the requesting Party with the following information:
  - (a) whether goods which are imported into the territory of the requesting Party were lawfully exported from the territory of the requested Party;
  - (b) whether goods which are exported from the territory of the requesting Party were lawfully imported into the territory of the requested Party and the customs procedure, if any, under which the goods have been placed.
- 2. The Parties may, through their customs administrations, cooperate to:
  - (a) initiate, develop or improve specific training programs for their personnel;
  - (b) establish and maintain channels of communication between their customs administrations to facilitate a secure and expeditious exchange of information;
  - facilitate effective coordination between their customs administrations, including the exchange of personnel, experts and the posting of liaison officers;
  - (d) consider and test new equipment or procedures; and
  - (e) carry out any other general administrative matters that may require their joint action.
- 3. On request, the requested Party shall, through its customs administration, and to the extent consistent with the domestic law of the requested Party, maintain surveillance of, and provide the requesting Party with information on the following:
  - (a) persons known to have committed or suspected of being about to commit a customs offence in the territory of the requesting Party, particularly those entering and exiting the territory of the requested Party;
  - (b) goods in transport known to have been used or suspected of being used to commit a customs offence in the territory of the requesting Party; and
  - (c) means of transport known to have been used or suspected of being used to commit a customs offence in the territory of the requesting Party.