

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE
ON MUTUAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE
IN CUSTOMS MATTERS**

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE (the "Parties"),

CONSIDERING that offences against customs laws are prejudicial to the security and public health of their respective countries as well as to their economic, fiscal, social, cultural, and commercial interests;

CONSIDERING the importance of accurately assessing customs duties and taxes collected on the importation and exportation of goods and of ensuring that their respective customs administrations properly apply prohibitions, restrictions and control measures;

CONSIDERING that illegal cross-border trafficking in goods constitutes a danger to society;

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

RECOGNIZING that action against customs offences can be made more effective by close cooperation between their respective customs administrations;

ACKNOWLEDGING the relevant instruments of the Customs Co-operation Council, now known as the World Customs Organization, in particular the Recommendation of the Council on Mutual Administrative Assistance of 5 December 1953;

ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING international conventions to which both Parties are members, which set out prohibitions, restrictions and control measures in respect of specific goods;

HAVING REGARD to the provisions established in the *Free Trade Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of the Republic of Chile*, especially Article E-12;

HAVE AGREED as follows:

