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**Plan for Cooperation between the Federal  
Customs Service of the Central Board of Excise  
and Customs, Department of Revenue, Ministry of  
Finance, Republic of India and the Russian  
Federation for combating Customs violations  
in 2015 – 2017**

The Central Board of Excise and Customs, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Republic of India and the Federal Customs Service (Russian Federation) (hereinafter referred to as 'the Parties')

in order to improve the effectiveness of combating smuggling and other offences in customs matters (hereinafter referred to as customs offences), by enhancing mutual cooperation,

guided by the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of India and Government of Russian Federation on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance in Customs matters dated March 25, 1997, hereinafter referred to as the Agreement,

have reached the following action plan:

**I. Organisational Arrangements**

1. With a view to enhance mutual cooperation in the enforcement of customs laws, the Parties shall establish a Joint India-Russia Working Group on Enforcement of Customs Laws, hereinafter referred to as the Working Group. Each Party shall intimate the other of any changes in the composition of the Working Group. Meetings of the Working Group shall be held as may be mutually agreed between the Parties.

2. For greater efficiency of cooperation, the Parties may organise meetings and workshops for their officials to promote the exchange of experience in the enforcement of customs laws.

3. All cooperation under this plan shall be with the framework of the Agreement and subject to the national legislations in force in the states of the Parties.

**II. Cooperation in detection, prevention and suppression of customs offences in trade**

1. The Parties shall intimate each other of goods, which they may believe to be prone to customs offences in trade between India and the Russian Federation.

2. In order to facilitate the detection, prevention and suppression of customs

offences, the Parties shall share information pertaining to goods, companies, persons, warehouses, vehicles, routes etc. associated with or suspected to be associated with customs offences.

3. On their initiative or upon request, the Parties may share information about customs clearance of certain consignments and provide each other with certified copies of customs, shipping, transport and commercial documents pertaining to description, weight, amount and value of goods, consignor, consignee, carrier, and mode of conveyance.

### **III. Cooperation in combating of international terrorism**

The Parties shall share information on illegal traffic of goods detected between their states where there is evidence that terrorist groups were involved in the traffic of such goods.

### **IV. Combating of smuggling of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors**

1. With the aim to combat smuggling of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors the Parties shall share information pertaining to:

- persons proved to be involved in smuggling of the said items or illegal trade thereof between the states of the Parties;
- conveyances (motor vehicles, water crafts, aircrafts), containers and international mail suspect or proved to be used for smuggling or illegal trade with the abovementioned substances;
- any other relevant information.

2. The Parties shall regularly share analytical information on current trends including

- new methods of combating smuggling and illegal trade in narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors;
- new kinds of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors;
- new routes of smuggling narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors;
- new methods of concealment of narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors.

## **V. Joint law enforcement actions**

Upon prior arrangement the Parties may conduct joint measures aimed at timely detection, prevention and suppression of customs offences, in accordance with paragraphs II, III and IV of the Plan.

## **VI. Review**

The Parties shall review the implementation of this Plan at meetings of the Working Group.

## **VII. Use of received information**

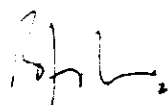
Any information shared between the Parties under the Plan shall be afforded the due level of confidentiality and protection as set out in the Agreement.

## **VIII. Validity**

1. This document shall be valid from December 24, 2015 to December 31, 2017.
2. The validity of this Plan may be extended solely upon written consent of the Parties.
3. This Plan may be amended and supplemented solely upon written consent of the Parties.
4. The Plan is not an international agreement and shall not establish rights and obligations under International law.

Done in Moscow on December 24, 2015 in two originals, each in Hindi, Russian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation of the Plan, the English text shall prevail.

**FOR THE CENTRAL BOARD OF  
EXCISE AND CUSTOMS,  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE,  
REPUBLIC OF INDIA**



**FOR THE FEDERAL  
CUSTOMS SERVICE  
(RUSSIAN FEDERATION)**

