

**PROTOCOL**  
**on cooperation**

**between**

**the National Tax and Customs Administration of Hungary**

**and**

**the Customs Administration of the Republic of Macedonia**

**in order to implement Protocol 5 on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters of the Stabilization and Association Agreement between European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, signed in Luxembourg on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2001**

The National Tax and Customs Administration of Hungary and the Customs Administration of the Republic of Macedonia hereinafter referred to as the Parties;

In order to implement Protocol 5 on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters of the Stabilization and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, signed in Luxembourg on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2001;

Interested in developing and strengthening the cooperation between the two Customs Administrations and promoting the efficiency of the two organizations by mutual exchange of knowledge and experience;

Convinced that the exchange of information regarding the applied customs procedures, including the customs clearance of the export and import of goods and becoming mutually acquainted with measures to overcome problems arising during practical implementation of customs clearance shall assist the promotion of trade between the two countries;

Having regard to the importance of taking common measures within their sphere of authority and competence to prevent any breach of customs legislation in order to protect the economic interests of their States;

Considering the importance of making available their customs legislation for the experts of the other Party and exchange of information concerning the implementation of customs legislation and the results achieved in this field for the purpose of coordinated and effective customs procedures;

Considering that beyond the simplification of customs procedures the training of their customs experts is essential in order to ensure effective and efficient performance of their duties and tasks;

Based on the above-mentioned principles, have agreed as follows:

1. The Parties shall inform each other on the customs legislation, simplifications, harmonisations implemented in Hungary and the Republic of Macedonia and on the cases of mutual interest.
2. The Parties shall inform each other about the professional results achieved, the applied methods, especially in the field of the simplification and harmonization of customs procedures.
3. The Parties shall establish contact points to realize certain tasks.
4. The Parties shall exchange their knowledge and experience in customs matters.
5. The Parties shall consult about difficulties and obstacles faced during the practical implementation of customs legislation and customs procedures, about relevant solutions and measures to promote bilateral trade.
6. The Hungarian Party has expressed its readiness to share its experience gained during the accession of Hungary to the European Union with the experts of the Macedonian Party in order to promote the harmonization of the Macedonian customs system with the customs system of the European Community.
7. The heads or experts of the two Customs Administrations shall meet in order to discuss topics and cases of mutual interest at a date and upon an agenda mutually agreed.

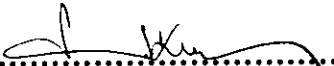
The Hungarian Party has announced that it will proceed in accordance with the Treaty concerning the accession of the Republic of Hungary to the European Union signed in Athens on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2003 and with its national legislation when implementing this Protocol.

This Protocol has been concluded based on paragraphs (1) and (2) of Article 13 of Protocol 5 on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters of the Stabilization and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, signed in Luxembourg on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2001.

This Protocol enters into force on the date of signature.

Done in Budapest on ...June 2012 in two original copies in English language.

**For the National Tax and Customs  
Administration of Hungary**

  
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**Károly Szabó  
Director General  
for Customs and Finance Guard**

**For the Customs Administration of the  
Republic of Macedonia**

  
  
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**Venko Kargov  
Director General**



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**NATIONAL TAX AND CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION**

President

**MANDATE**

Budapest, ~~14~~ June 2012.

In my capacity as President of the National Tax and Customs Administration (NTCA) I am mandating **Mr Károly Szabó, director general for customs and finance guard of the NTCA** to sign the Protocol on cooperation between the National Tax and Customs Administration of Hungary and the Customs Administration of the Republic of Macedonia in order to implement Protocol 5 on Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters of the Stabilization and Association Agreement between the Republic of Macedonia, of the one part, and the European Communities and their Member States, of the other part, signed in Luxembourg on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2001 on my behalf on 18th of June in Budapest.

Please take note of this letter of authorisation.



*Ildikó Vida Dr.*

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