

**Maldives Customs Service  
Male', Maldives**



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN THE MALDIVES CUSTOMS SERVICE  
AND (NAME OF THE PARTNER)**

**RECOGNISING** that offence against Customs laws, particularly drug smuggling are prejudicial to the economic, social and security interests of the country and to the interests of all parties involved in legitimate international trade, and that such offences may involve the use of any transportation facility including merchant vessels and their cargoes;

**NOTING** that the escalation in drug trafficking necessitates Customs authority to increase the surveillance and controls;

**AWARE** that such increased control could result in additional expenses and costly delays to operators of merchant vessels engaged in legitimate trade;

**BELIEVING** that increased cooperation between ship owners and Customs could significantly assist in gathering of information and other aspects of combating Customs fraud in particular drug smuggling;

**BELIEVING ALSO** that such cooperation would be of benefit to all parties in legitimate trade including shipping companies and their agent;

**THE MALDIVES CUSTOMS SERVICE and .....**  
**agree:**

- a) to strengthen further the cooperation between the two organizations;

b) to examine and develop together ways in which cooperation and consultation between both the parties with a view to combat customs fraud, in particular drug smuggling;

c) to seek ensure a better understanding by .....  
and its staff regarding Maldives Customs Services tasks and problems ,and vice-versa; thereby facilitating a productive exchange of information between the two parties;

d) to consider practical ways in which the personal of .....  
and their agents might assist Customs authorities in the detection of Customs offences, in particular, those relating to drug smuggling;

Signed, sealed and delivered on day/ month/ year.

**for**  
**MALDIVES CUSTOMS SERVICE**

**for**  
**(NAME OF THE PARTNER or COMPANY)**

( Name )  
Head of Customs,  
Maldives Customs Service

( Name )  
(Designation),  
(Name of Partner or Company)