MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO TAX AND TRADE BUREAU OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
AND
THE CANADA BORDER SERVICES AGENCY

The Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) of the United States Department of the Treasury and the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), hereinafter referred to as the "Participants":

Desiring to protect the public, to collect the revenue due, to establish a consistent channel for information exchange regarding the import and export of alcohol and tobacco products, and to strengthen cooperation in developing technical methodologies to support regulatory enforcement efforts,
Have come to the following understanding:

1. The Participants intend to establish a consultative and collaborative process to strengthen cooperation in the prevention of counterfeiting and smuggling of alcohol and tobacco products, and in the administration of alcohol and tobacco product regulations within their fields of competence. Through this process, the Participants intend to enhance bilateral cooperation consistent with international trade obligations, including, but not limited to, the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization.

2. (a) The Participants intend to establish consultative and collaborative processes to exchange information and to improve cooperation in developing technical methodologies for supporting regulatory enforcement efforts.

(b) The Participants intend to strengthen cooperation and exchange information as follows:

(i) By developing collaborative programs in the development and validation of novel analytical methods for better characterization and classification of alcohol beverage and tobacco products;

(ii) By sharing information on developments in alcohol and tobacco analysis and physical measurement protocols, as well as new techniques for authenticating products and alternatives to organoleptic tests;

(iii) By developing additional technical research, as necessary, based on the process of ongoing cooperative efforts and mutually identified needs;

(iv) By developing bilateral training and seminars for the Participants' technical and scientific staff, and, where appropriate, officials from other relevant regulatory agencies; and

(v) By exchanging information on alcohol and tobacco counterfeit or smuggling cases.

3. In carrying out activities under this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), TTB and the CBSA are to comply with the relevant laws and regulations of the United States of America and Canada, respectively. This MOU is not intended to affect the exchange of information procedures under the "Convention between the United States of America and Canada with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital" and its four protocols.

4. This MOU is not intended to affect disclosure requirements or privacy rights under the laws of the respective countries.

5. The designated implementing organizational units for this MOU are TTB's Scientific Services Division (SSD) and CBSA's Science and Engineering (S&E) Directorate. The contact points for TTB, SSD and CBSA, are identified in Annex 1 of this MOU.

6. Any cooperative activities carried out under this MOU should be based on available resources. The Participants intend to fund their own respective participation in activities carried out under this MOU, unless they make other arrangements.

7. In carrying out all of the above activities under this MOU, the Participants intend to employ friendly consultation to resolve any issues that may arise.

8. (a) This MOU should take effect on the date of its signature by the Participants.

(b) The Participants may modify this MOU upon their mutual written consent.

(c) Either Participant may discontinue this MOU at any time upon written notification to the other Participant. Cooperative activities under this MOU should cease 90 days after the receipt of a Participant's written notice of its intent to discontinue its participation.

This MOU is signed in duplicate at Ottawa on 23 March 2011 in the English and French languages.

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Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau	Canada Border Services Agency

Annex 1

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