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[TRANSLATION — TRADUCTION]

No. 6157. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN SWEDEN AND NORWAY RESPECTING FRONTIER CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION. SIGNED AT OSLO, ON 28 OCTOBER 1959

The Royal Swedish Government and the Royal Norwegian Government, desiring to facilitate traffic between Sweden and Norway and, for that purpose, to simplify the customs control and the customs clearance of such traffic, have concluded the following agreement respecting frontier customs co-operation :

Article 1

The Contracting States shall, in the manner specified in this Agreement, co-operate in the customs control and customs clearance of traffic between the two States. Such co-operation shall be designated "frontier customs-co-operation" and shall be effected within control zones.

The control zones shall be constituted by an area fifteen kilometres in width situated on each side of and running along the frontier between the two States.

Each State may, in consultation with the other State, decide that another area within which frontier customs co-operation is desirable shall also form a control zone. Such control zone may comprise a length of road, a length of railway with one or more station areas, an airfield, a fairway or a port area.

The provisions of articles 2, 3, 4 and 6 as they apply inside a control zone shall also apply outside such zone in the case of a smuggling offence where the suspect is pursued in direct consequence of the commission thereof.

Article 2

The customs, import, export and other regulations of each State which concern traffic and the observance of which must be ensured by the customs authorities in the performance of the duties coming within the scope of frontier customs co-operation may be applied and enforced inside control zones in the territory of the other State in the course of the performance of customs functions for the State in which the said regulations were issued.

¹ Came into force on 1 January 1960, in accordance with article 11, the instruments of ratification having been exchanged at Stockholm on 30 December 1959.

Each State shall, through its central customs authorities, notify the corresponding authority of the other State beforehand which regulations are to apply when customs functions are being performed on its behalf in the territory of the other State. The said regulations shall be available for public inspection at all the custom-houses and customs posts in the control zones which come within the scope of frontier customs co-operation.

Coercive measures under the law of one State may be applied inside the control zones in the territory of the other State only for the purposes of investigations directly connected with a smuggling offence or an attempted smuggling offence.

Article 3

Each Contracting State undertakes to allow its customs officials to perform, inside control zones in the territories of both States, such custom functions on behalf of the other State as come within the scope of frontier customs co-operation.

Article 4

Each Contracting State undertakes to allow customs officials of the other State to perform inside control zones in its territory such customs functions on behalf of their own State as come within the scope of frontier customs co-operation.

Where customs functions are being performed on behalf of one State in the territory of the other State, the assistance of the police or, where appropriate, of the military authorities of the latter State may be requested for the purposes of applying coercive measures.

Article 5

If either of the Contracting States seizes goods in circumstances in which the law of both States has been violated, the goods shall be handed over to the competent authority of the State in whose territory they have been seized, unless special circumstances otherwise require.

Article 6

Any person who, having crossed or intended to cross the frontier, is apprehended inside the control zone along the frontier in the territory of one State on a reasonable suspicion of having committed an offence against the regulations referred to in article 2, first paragraph, may, unless there are special reasons for not doing so, be taken forthwith to the customs or police authorities of the other State, on condition that :