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**France  
and  
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**

**Agreement between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the carrying of service weapons by officers of the UK Border Agency on French territory in application of the Treaty concerning the implementation of frontier controls at the sea ports of both countries on the Channel and North Sea. Paris, 24 May 2011**

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**France  
et  
Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord**

**Accord entre le Gouvernement de la République française et le Gouvernement du Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord relatif au port de l'arme de service par les agents de l'agence des frontières britannique sur le territoire français en application du Traité relatif à la mise en œuvre de contrôles frontaliers dans les ports maritimes de la Manche et de la mer du Nord des deux pays. Paris, 24 mai 2011**

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**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE FRENCH REPUBLIC**

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND  
NORTHERN IRELAND**

**CONCERNING THE CARRYING OF SERVICE WEAPONS  
BY OFFICERS OF THE UK BORDER AGENCY ON  
FRENCH TERRITORY**

**IN APPLICATION OF THE TREATY CONCERNING THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF FRONTIER CONTROLS AT THE  
SEA PORTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES ON THE CHANNEL  
AND NORTH SEA**

**The Government of the French Republic and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,**

**Hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”,**

**Having regard to the Treaty between the Government of the French Republic and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning the Implementation of Frontier Controls at the Sea Ports of both Countries on the Channel and North Sea, signed by the Parties at Le Touquet on 4 February 2003, and in particular to Articles 1(3), 13(2), and 19,**

**Hereinafter referred to as “the Treaty”,**

**Have agreed as follows:**

## **TITLE 1**

### **General Provisions**

#### **ARTICLE 1**

**The term “officer” shall refer exclusively to persons appointed or authorised by the United Kingdom Secretary of State for the Home Department to carry out Frontier Controls (as defined in Article 2.a. of the Treaty).**

#### **ARTICLE 2**

**The term “service weapon” shall refer to the telescopic baton that has been assigned to an officer by the relevant UK authority.**

#### **ARTICLE 3**

**1. The terms “Control Zone”, “Restricted Zone” and “Sea Port” have the same meanings as in the Treaty.**

**2. A reference to a “Sea Port” means a Sea Port designated under Article 1(3) of the Treaty and a reference to a “Control Zone” or a “Restricted Zone” means a Control Zone or a Restricted Zone established or modified under that Article, except that a reference to any of these terms is a reference solely to Control Zones, Restricted Zones or Sea Ports on French territory.**

#### ARTICLE 4

The names of the officers authorised to carry a service weapon shall be notified in advance to the competent French authorities who shall provide temporary individual authorisations on the basis of that information. These authorisations must be individually reviewed every two years.

#### ARTICLE 5

Only officers wearing their service uniforms, or a visible distinctive symbol, shall be authorised to carry a service weapon. Service weapons may not be worn, or displayed, outside the United Kingdom Control Zone.

#### ARTICLE 6

Officers may only make use of their service weapons if required for self-defence or defence of their colleagues. The French authorities shall be informed immediately of any such use.

#### ARTICLE 7

Within the area allocated to the British authorities in the control zones of French Sea Ports where the Treaty applies, a secure storage facility intended for the temporary deposit of service weapons shall be installed within a protected location. This facility must be approved by the French authorities.

#### ARTICLE 8

1. Unless it is deposited in a secure location in the facility defined in Article 7 of this Agreement, a service weapon must not be left unattended.
2. Access to the secure storage referred to in Article 7 shall be restricted to the officers referred to in Article 4 who are acting in the performance of their duties.

#### ARTICLE 9

The French authorities shall be told immediately about the loss, theft or unauthorised use of a service weapon by an officer. They shall be informed of the result of the report of any enquiry.

## **TITLE II**

### **Transportation of service weapons between the United Kingdom and the control zones of the Channel and North Sea Ports of the French Republic**

#### **ARTICLE 10**

In order to exercise their functions and subject to Articles 11 and 12, officers are authorised to transport their service weapons during journeys between the Control Zones at Calais, Dunkerque and Boulogne. A secure storage facility shall be provided in all service vehicles used for the transport of officers during journeys to the control zones at the French Sea Ports. This facility must be approved by the French authorities.

#### **ARTICLE 11**

1. Officers are authorised to transport their service weapons on board a direct ferry when travelling to and from a Sea Port, provided that they obtain the permission of the ferry operation and the service weapon is stored securely. The storage arrangements must be approved by the ferry operator.
2. On arrival at the Sea Port officers must go directly to the Control Zone.

#### **ARTICLE 12**

1. Officers are authorised to transport their service weapons when travelling to or from a Sea Port on board a shuttle train via the Channel Fixed Link or when transferring in a service vehicle between a Sea Port and the Coquelles terminal.
2. Service weapons must be stored securely in the service vehicle as soon as the officers get into the vehicle and must remain in secure storage throughout the journey between Coquelles and the Sea Port.
3. On arrival at the Sea Port officers must go directly to the Control Zone.