

Joint Declaration between
the Director General of the Customs and Monopolies Agency
of the Italian Republic
and
the Head of the General Administration of Customs
of the People's Republic of China
on Twinning Cooperation

We, the Director General of the Customs and Monopolies Agency of the Italian Republic and the Head of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China, hereinafter referred to as the "Signatories",

In accordance with the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters, done at The Hague on 8 December 2004;

Convinced that effective performance of customs duties in revenue collection, safety and security and trade facilitation plays a vital role in enforcement activities on economic, social, cultural, and commercial interests of our Countries;

Acknowledging the necessity to ensure supply chain security by joining hands to fight more efficiently against such customs offences as commercial fraud, Intellectual/ Industrial Property Rights (IPR) infringement and illegal trafficking, including endangered species and hazardous waste;

Considering the need to improve our connectivity through information sharing using the Single Window platform or other possible information sharing systems so as to cope with the challenges posed by common global challenges in the future;

Considering the need to maintain the existing high-level cooperation so as to achieve smarter control, coordinated border management and enhanced connectivity as advocated in the strategic goals and priorities of the Italian and Chinese Customs,

Declare that we will cooperate as follows:

- We intend to authorize the Customs Offices of Venezia, Trieste and Ravenna and the Customs Regional Directorate of Liguria, Piemonte and Valle d'Aosta on the Italian side and Shanghai, Tianjin and Ningbo Customs on the Chinese side to engage in twinning programs and to provide them with necessary support and guidance;

- We intend to exchange experience and best practices in terms of application of new working methodologies and technologies through webinars, study visits, attachment programs or workshops;

- We intend to invite, as an innovative way to reinforce customs-trade partnership, business sectors of both Countries to participate in twinning programs, when appropriate and necessary.

This Joint Declaration ~~is~~ does not constitute an international agreement which may lead to rights and obligations under international law. No provision of this Joint Declaration is to be understood and performed as a legal obligation or commitment of the Signatories.

Each Signatory will bear its own cost incurred from implementation of this Joint Declaration.

Signed at Rome on 26th June 2023, in two originals in the Italian language, two originals in the Chinese language and two originals in the English language, all texts being equally authentic. Should a conflict of interpretation of this Joint Declaration arise, the English text shall prevail.

The Director General
of the Customs and Monopolies Agency
of the Italian Republic



The Head
of the General Administration of Customs
of the People's Republic of China

