

SFS Representative Got Accredited as WCO Expert



The World Customs Organization made a decision on the successful completion of the process of Strategic Trade Control Enforcement (STCE) Expert Trainer Accreditation by the employee of the Department for Specialized Training and Canine Services of the SFS and granted corresponding certificate.

In the process of accreditation, applicants were required to demonstrate a high level of knowledge and skills in identifying goods subject to export control as well as the ability to use the latest practices and teaching technologies in course of training of the officials involved in the control over the movement of such goods across the state border.

It should be noted that the representatives of customs administrations around the world were admitted to the accreditation process. But only the best ones have completed this process successfully.

Visit of the SFS Delegation to the Slovak Republic



With the assistance of the Export Control and Border Security Program (EXBS), the representatives of the Department for Specialized Training and Canine Services of the SFS (hereinafter - the Department), on the delegation of SFS officials, took part in a visit to the Customs Training Centre in Vishne Nemetske, Slovak Republic (February 13-15, 2018).

During the visit the Slovak experts familiarized the representatives of the Ukrainian delegation with the organizational structure and areas of responsibility of the Ministry of Finance of the Slovak Republic, the activities of the Training Centre in Vishne Nemetske, in particular the system of professional training of the personnel, programmes, curricula that are implemented there; as well as the work of the Canine Service, its structure, system of preparation of canine teams, etc.

The participants discussed the issues of further cooperation aimed at raising the level of professional competence of the customs administrations of both countries, including the possibility of conducting joint training events and cross-border practical exercises.

Ukrainian Customs Innovations are presented at the Session of the World Customs Organization



At the invitation of the World Customs Organization, the delegation of the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine, including a representative of the Department for Specialized Training and Canine Services of the SFS (hereinafter - the Department), participated in the 9th Session of the Capacity Building Committee - "SMART Customs: The Gateway to High Performance and Sustainability". The event was held in Brussels (the Kingdom of Belgium) from 26 to 28 February 2018 and gathered 250 participants from 180 countries.

During the Session, the employee of the Department presented to foreign colleagues a report and presentation on the topic "Technological Development and its Impact on the Customs Profession" and highlighted the developments on the innovative course of lectures in 3D format to enhance the professional competence of SFS customs officials with the help of the latest technologies and modern means of reproduction of virtual reality.

Participation in such an event was aimed at obtaining support of international programs and projects for the introduction of 3D technologies in the process of training customs officers of the world community.

International Experts Discussed the Issue of Control of Transboundary Movement of Chemicals in Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine



As a part of cooperation with the OSCE Project Coordinator in Ukraine, a seminar-workshop “Strengthening the Control of Transboundary Movement of Controlled Substances and Toxic Chemicals” was held on the basis of the Department for Specialized Training and Canine Services of the SFS (Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine).

The event gathered representatives of ministries and departments of Ukraine, in particular, the State Fiscal Service, the State Border Guard Service and their educational institutions, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the National Police, the State Ecological Inspection, the National Academy of Public Prosecutor’s Office, the Ukrainian Chemists Union, the Ternopil National Economic University, the US Embassy in Ukraine and international experts.

The participants of the round table delivered presentations on the project topic and discussed the results of the work of experts and problematic issues faced by the state bodies that perform control over the movement of hazardous chemicals across the border.

Andrii Voitseshchuk, the Director of the Department for Specialized Training and Canine Services of the SFS, summarized the results of the work, “The event will contribute to optimizing efforts in the field of chemical safety and security and will open up opportunities for new partnerships in this field. It is important that the project is supported by the European Union and the United States and includes the development of a comprehensive training program of specialists of customs and border services in the control of the circulation of toxic chemicals to control the trafficking of toxic chemicals”.



Participation of the Employees of the Department for Specialized Training and Canine Services of the SFS in the International Conference (Vadul Lui Voda, Republic of Moldova)



The representatives of the SFS, specialists of the Department for Specialized Training and Canine Services of the SFS, participated in the international conference “Together in the Fight against Smuggling of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products”, which took place on May 3-4, 2018 in Vadul-Lui Voda, Republic of Moldova.

The event was held with the aim of exchanging experience in countering the illicit traffic of tobacco products and the use of canine teams to detect the illegal movement of tobacco products.

The representatives of international tobacco companies such as “JT International Luxembourg SA”, “British American Tobacco-Moldova”, “Philip Morris”, “Imperial Tobacco”; the representatives of customs administrations and inspectors-dog-handlers from Ukraine, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, France, the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Bulgaria, Georgia, the Republic of Latvia and the United Kingdom, whose functions include the fight against the illicit traffic in tobacco products participated in the conference.

During the conference the participants discussed the issues of illegal movement of tobacco products, which are considered to be the most serious security risks at the borders. They noted that illicit trafficking in tobacco products is a global problem worldwide, stressing the need for coordination of efforts of all related parties to develop multilateral cooperation aimed at counteracting the illegal movement of tobacco products, detection and punishment of persons involved in such offenses.



IV International Competition of Canine Teams “Ukraine-2018” took place in Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine



Under the auspices of the State Fiscal Service of Ukraine the IV International Competition “Ukraine-2018” of canine teams for the search of narcotic drugs, weapons, ammunition and tobacco products was held in Khmelnytskyi on the basis of the Regional Dog Training Centre of the World Customs Organization.

The Competition was attended by 31 canine teams from nine countries of the

world: the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic, the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Latvia, Georgia. Ukraine was represented by the teams of the State Fiscal Service, the State Border Guard Service, the National Police, the National Guard and the State Enterprise of International Airlines “Boryspil”.

The representatives of German Customs at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Ukraine, the European Union Advisory Mission (EUAM), the Ukrainian Kennel Union, the Dog Training Centre “Jaguar”, as well as the representatives of JT International Company Ukraine and Imperial Tobacco Ukraine attended the event.

Andrii Voitseshchuk, the Director of the Department for Specialized Training and Canine Services of the SFS, stated, "This Competition allowed us to further strengthen our cooperation with the customs authorities of the participating countries, exchange experience and improve the professional level of the canine teams in countering the illegal movement of goods across the border. Participation in the Competition corresponds to the highest standards of the World Customs Organization and shows that the Ukrainian side represented by the WCO Regional Dog Training Centre is its reliable partner. After all, this is the only centre of this level in Ukraine. We train canine teams not only for Customs, but also for the law enforcement agencies of Ukraine and other EU countries. A novelty of our centre is the training to detect illicit trafficking in amber and banknotes”.

WCO Integrity Workshop for Uzbekistan Customs Officers



A representative of the Department for Specialized Training and Canine Services of the SFS took part in delivering Integrity Workshop organized by the World Customs Organization (WCO) which took place on May 28 - June 1, 2018 in Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan.

The main aim of the workshop was to assist Uzbekistan Customs officers in increasing their capacity in a variety of issues related to integrity.

Integrity Development workshop resulted in raising awareness of the participants of Uzbekistan Customs on the WCO Integrity tools and programmes, drafting Integrity Action Plan to support national anti-corruption strategy, as well as in conducting comparative analyses of the WCO Model Code of Conduct and the Code of Conduct of Uzbekistan Customs.

The workshop enhanced the knowledge of the customs officers in the specific field of Integrity and enriched their experience in terms of developing integrity strategy.