

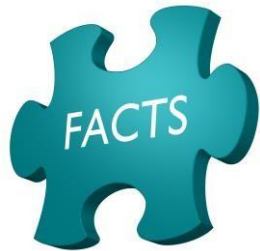
# EU Authorised Economic Operator and Mutual Recognition Agreements



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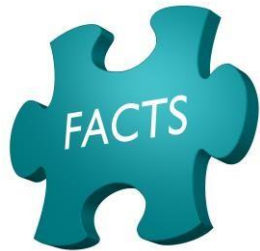
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## The EU AEO Programme Trusted Traders

- Based on WCO SAFE Framework of Standards and AEO recognised as global *customs quality standard*.
- Fully operational in European Union since **January 2008** and recognised in all 27 EU Member States.
- Legal base in European Union Customs Code.
- EU AEO guidelines (version 6)



## The EU AEO Programme Trusted Traders

- Open to all international supply chain actors in EU.
- Unlimited validity; robust monitoring.
- In 2021: +- 18.000 AEO authorisations in 27 EU Member States and involved in more than 77% of EU imports/export.
- AEO benefits for 2 types of authorisations:  
**AEO-S** (Security) and **AEO-C** (customs simplifications).

## The EU AEO Programme

### - *AEO Conditions/Criteria and Benefits* -

Conditions and criteria	AEOC	AEOS	Benefits
Economic operator	X	X	Fewer controls
Established in EU	X	X	Prior notification
Compliance	X	X	Priority treatment
Record keeping	X	X	Request for place for control
Financial solvency	X	X	Indirect benefits
Competence & qualification	X		Customs simplifications
Security & Safety		X	Mutual Recognition



## The EU AEO Programme - **MAIN FOCUS** -

- **Further strengthening the sustainability of the AEO programme with special focus on:**
  - Security & compliance in e-commerce context.
  - AEO monitoring – sensitive AEO business models
  - Regular update of the AEO Guidelines (version 7)
- **Further cooperation with other government authorities (OGA)**
- **International Cooperation**
  - Mutual Recognition of AEO Programmes

# EU AEO Mutual Recognition Agreements

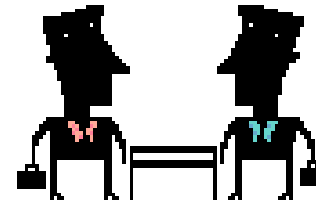


# Mutual Recognition of AEO Programmes

## The EU experience

### ■ EU current mutual recognitions:

- Switzerland – 1 July 2009
- Norway - 1 July 2009
- Japan – 24 May 2011
- United States of America – 4 May 2012
- People's Republic of China – 16 May 2014
- United Kingdom – 1 January 2021



### ■ Ongoing MRA negotiations

- Canada, Singapore, Moldova



# Mutual Recognition Requirements

1. Comparable legal basis
2. Practical comparison and assessment of implementation of the respective AEO programmes
3. Exchange of best practices / on-site company visits
4. Detailed MRA text of AEO MRA agreement & FAQ
5. Electronic data exchange system



## **EU MRA benefits for members of partner AEO programmes**

- (a) Fewer security and safety related controls
- (b) Recognition of business partners during AEO application process
- (c) Priority treatment at customs clearance
- (d) Business continuity mechanism