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Why AEO Matters for Exporters?

- Faster Customs Clearance
- Reduced Inspections & Queries
- Priority Treatment at Ports
- Deferred Duty Payment Facility
- Global Recognition (MRAs with major countries)



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- Lower dwell time = Faster shipments
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Sub: Promotion of Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Programme by Indian Customs

Dear Madam / Sir,

The Council wishes to draw the attention of all members to the Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Programme administered by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC), Government of India.

The Indian AEO is a programme under the aegis of the World Customs Organization (WCO) SAFE Framework of Standards is to secure and facilitate Global Trade.

The aim of this programme to enhance international supply chain security and facilitate movement of legitimate goods. Under this programme, an entity engaged in international trade is approved by Customs as compliant with supply chain security standards and is granted AEO status along with tangible benefits.

India's AEO Programme is in sync with India's commitments made under Article 7.7 of WTO TFA. The AEO Programme helps Indian Customs to enhance and streamline cargo security through close cooperation with the principal stakeholders of the international supply chain viz. importers, exporters, logistics providers, custodians/terminal operators, custom brokers and warehouse operators.

This program provides faster customs clearance, reduced examination, and enhanced international recognition to compliant exporters and importers

Following are the Key Benefits of AEO Certification

- Faster clearance of cargo and reduced dwell time
- Direct Port Delivery (DPD) / Direct Port Entry (DPE)
- Deferred payment of customs duty
- Lower bank guarantee requirements
- Priority treatment during customs procedures
- Recognition under Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) with partner countries

Following are the Categories under Indian AEO Custom Program:

- AEO-T1 (Entry level)
- AEO-T2 (Advanced level with additional benefits)
- AEO-T3 (Highest level of facilitation)
- AEO-LO (Logistics Operators)

Eligibility: Members with a track record of compliance, sound financial standing, and robust internal control systems are encouraged to apply for this program.

Application Process:

- Applications are to be submitted online through the official AEO portal <https://aeoindia.gov.in>
- The process involves document submission, compliance verification, and (for higher tiers) on-site validation by Customs authorities.

For more details members can refer below official link:

<https://aeoindia.gov.in/SourceCode/Website/download.php>

Enclosed herewith are:

- [Circular on Special measures](#) to facilitate MSME for AEO T1 and T2 accreditation
- [Public notice on help desk](#) details of AEO program

Members, in today's global market, AEO certification is a powerful mark of trust that provides a clear competitive edge. As global buyers increasingly prioritize compliant partners, we urge members who have not yet applied to kindly apply for the AEO certification to enhance their credibility and facilitate smoother international trade.

We strongly encourage all eligible members to take advantage of this initiative.

Regards,

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Executive Director

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