

Notice to Traders



Hong Kong Customs Implements Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Authorized Economic Operators with Singapore Customs



The Hong Kong-Singapore Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on the Authorized Economic Operators (AEOs) will become operational with effect from **9 March 2015**.

The Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) signed the MRA with the Singapore Customs (SC) in June 2014. The MRA not only fosters closer cooperation between C&ED and its counterpart in Singapore in promoting a secure and efficient flow of goods in the international supply chain, but also further strengthens the trade competitiveness of local companies in Singapore.

Under the MRA, local companies accredited by the C&ED as AEOs can enjoy Customs facilitation, such as reduced examination or prioritized clearance, for goods exported to Singapore upon arrival. Similarly, companies which have been certified by the SC as "STP-Plus" class (equivalent to AEO) will have their exported goods cleared expeditiously upon arrival in Hong Kong.

To enjoy clearance facilitation during import and export under the MRA, please follow the procedures for the implementation of the Hong Kong-Singapore MRA at **Annex 1**.

Joining the Hong Kong AEO Programme

If you are not a Hong Kong AEO right now, you are cordially invited to join the Hong Kong AEO Programme to enjoy the clearance facilitation. Please contact our AEO Enquiry Hotline at 3759 2153 or visit our AEO website (http://www.customs.gov.hk/en/trade_facilitation/aeo/index.html) for more information about the Programme.

For enquiries on this Notice, please contact us at 3759 2157.

Customs and Excise Department

Procedures to Enjoy Mutual Recognition Benefits

Under

Hong Kong-Singapore MRA

Hong Kong AEO Exporting Consignments to Singapore

1. Your company should provide your **HKAEO number** (i.e. **AEOHKxxxxxxxxxx**) to importers in Singapore for their import declarations to Singapore Customs.
2. Under the current declaration procedures, importers in Singapore should input the AEO number of your company in the 'Import Permit Declaration' in the Electronic Clearance System (TradeNet) of Singapore Customs in the following format:

Declaration Field in TradeNet	Information to be Declared
Customs Procedure Code (CPC)	AEO
Processing Code 1 (PC1)	HK
Processing Code 2 (PC2)	xxxxxxxxxx

Importing Singapore AEO¹ Consignments into Hong Kong

1. Your company should ask exporters in Singapore (if they are AEO companies) to accurately furnish their **Company Names** and **Operating Addresses** certified under the Singapore AEO programme, together with other cargo information, to their carriers (i.e. Airlines or Container lines).
2. Carriers will use such information in completing Cargo Manifests of the conveyances, which will be used for Customs clearance by the Customs and Excise Department.

¹ STP-Plus companies under the STP programme of Singapore Customs