

Notice to Traders



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



The Hong Kong-Malaysia Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on the Authorized Economic Operators (AEOs) becomes operational with effect from **1 March 2018**.

The Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) signed the MRA with the Malaysia Customs (MC) on 17 March 2016. The MRA not only fosters closer cooperation between C&ED and its counterpart in Malaysia 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 Malaysia.

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 Malaysia upon arrival. Similarly, companies which have been certified by the MC as AEOs 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-Malaysia MRA at **Annex I**.

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 2153.

Customs and Excise Department

**Procedures to Enjoy Mutual Recognition Benefits
Under**

Hong Kong - Malaysia MRA

Hong Kong AEO Exporting Consignments to Malaysia

1. Your company should convert your **HKAEO number** to the following format by:
 - a. deleting the first three characters “**AEO**”; and
 - b. adding two zero “**00**” at the end of the code.

Example:

Original HKAEO number	Converted AEO number
AEOHK0123456789	HK012345678900

2. Provide the **converted AEO number** (i.e. **HK012345678900**) to importers in Malaysia for their import declarations to the declaration system (SMK) of Malaysia Customs.
3. The importers/customs brokers in Malaysia shall input the **converted AEO number** of your company to the “AEO ID” field under “Participant - Exporter” of SMK.

The screenshot shows a software interface for 'K1 REGISTRATION' with a header 'IBU PEJABAT - H10'. The 'Participant' tab is active. The 'AEO ID' field is highlighted with a red box and contains the text 'HK 012345678900'. A red arrow points from a label 'Converted AEO number' to this field. Other fields include 'Importer', 'Agent', 'Exporter', and 'Declarant'.

Importing Malaysia AEO Consignments into Hong Kong

1. Your company should ask exporters in Malaysia (if they are Malaysia AEO companies) to accurately furnish their **Company Names** and **Operating Addresses** certified under the Malaysia 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 Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department.