



Notice to Traders

Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Authorized Economic Operators between Hong Kong and Mainland Customs Amendment on the Procedures of Filing in the AEO Code in the Mainland



The Hong Kong-Mainland Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on Authorized Economic Operators (AEO) has been fully implemented since 1 September 2014.

In response to the Mainland Customs' amendment on the procedures of filing in the AEO Code to the manifest and import/export cargo declaration systems, the latest procedures to fill in the AEO Code in the Mainland is now listed in **Annex 1**. The amendment becomes operational with effect from 1 November 2018. The Hong Kong importers and exporters are required to provide the required information in accordance with the amended procedures of the Hong Kong-Mainland AEO MRA to enjoy clearance facilitation.

Under the MRA, local companies accredited by Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) as AEOs can enjoy clearance facilitation, such as reduced examination or prioritized clearance, for goods exported to the Mainland upon arrival. Similarly, companies which have been certified by the Mainland Customs according to the "Measures for Enterprise Credit Management by the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China" as "Advanced Certified Enterprises" [former "AA" Enterprises (equivalent to AEO)] will have their exported goods cleared expeditiously upon arrival in Hong Kong.

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 (https://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 - Mainland MRA

Hong Kong AEO Exporting Consignments to Mainland

1. Your company should convert your **HK AEO number** by deleting the first three characters “**AEO**”.

Example:

Original HK AEO number	Converted HK AEO number
AEO HK0123456789	HK0123456789

2. Provide the **converted HK AEO number** (i.e. **HK0123456789**) to importers or relevant companies in Mainland for their import declarations to the Mainland Customs.
3. The importers or relevant companies in Mainland should direct their customs brokers to input your **converted HK AEO number** to the “Shipper’s AEO Code” field of the sea, road and air Manifests, as well as to the “Overseas Consignee” field of the Import and Export Cargo Declaration Form of the People’s Republic of China.

Mainland AEO¹ Importing into Hong Kong

For Road Cargo

1. Your company should obtain the **China AEO Code** (i.e. **AEOCNxxxxxxxxxx**) from exporters in the Mainland (if they are AEO companies) before submitting electronic advance cargo information to Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) through the **Road Cargo System (ROCARS)**.
2. In submitting cargo information to the ROCARS, your company should input (apart from the predefined set of cargo information) the China AEO Code into “Part V – Goods Information” section. You should simply:
 - input the “China AEO Code” of the Mainland AEO exporter into the “Permit Number / AEO Code” field;
 - select “China Customs” in the “Issuing Authority” field; and
 - select “Advanced Certified Enterprise (former AA Enterprise)” in the “Permit Type / Enterprise Type” field.
3. Please refer to the screen capture for the above inputs on next page.

¹ Mainland companies which have been certified by the Mainland Customs as “Advanced Certified Enterprises” (former “AA Enterprises”) are AEOs

Customs and Excise Department | ROAD CARGO SYSTEM (ROCARS)

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Road Cargo System > Agent (Company) > Submit

Agent (Company) Goods Item for Cargo in Package and Bulk

Submit

If the goods is measured in terms of weight and volume, please enter "Cargo in Bulk". Otherwise, please enter "Cargo in Package".

Edit Consignor Name 香港空運 中國 Consignee Name 中國空運 香港

Enquire **Part V - Goods Information** ← On this page

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Bundle

Debundle

Enquire Bundle Information

Print List of CCRN

Manage Digital Certificate

Change Company Particulars

Change Personal Particulars

Apply for more quota for Message Signatories

Change Password

Logout

Point(s) to note :

1 If you wish to re-use the information for lodgement of import/export declaration, please give full description. For example, 'chilled chickens' instead of 'meat'; 'microwave ovens' instead of 'electrical appliances'.
If importation or exportation of the goods require valid licence/permit/proof document, etc, please enter the information under "Permit Information" to facilitate Customs clearance.

Cargo in Package

Number of package * Description of Package * Please Select

Cargo in Bulk

Gross Weight * Gross Unit * Please Select

Gross Volume

Quantity of Net Weight Unit of quantity of net weight Please Select

Quantity of Cargo

Permit Information

Permit Number / AEO Code	Issuing Authority	Permit Type / Enterprise Type
AEOCN0123456789	China Customs	Advanced Certified Enterprise (former AA Enterprise)

Add More Permit Enter

Enter the AEO Code of the Mainland AEO exporter

Click here to select "China Customs"

Click here to select "Advanced Certified Enterprise (former AA Enterprise)"

For Air and Sea Cargo

1. Your company should ask exporters in the Mainland (if they are AEO companies) to accurately furnish their **Company Names** and **Addresses** registered in the Industrial and Commercial Registration Office, 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 C&ED.