

Notice to Traders



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



The Hong Kong-Australia 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 Australia Customs (AC) on 6 July 2017. The MRA not only fosters closer cooperation between C&ED and its counterpart in Australia 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 Australia.

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 Australia upon arrival. Similarly, companies which have been certified by the AC as Australian Trusted Trader (ATT, 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-Australia 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 – Australia MRA

Hong Kong AEO Exporting Consignments to Australia

1. The Australia Department of Home Affairs (DHA) has created a **Customs Client Identity (CCID) number** for your company. This CCID number is registered with AEO status and Customs facilitation will be granted when lodging import declarations to DHA.
2. Your company should provide your **CCID number** to your importers / Customs brokers in Australia for their import declarations to the Australia Integrated Cargo System (ICS).

Importing Australia ATT¹ Consignments into Hong Kong

1. Your company should ask exporters in Australia (if they are Australian Trusted Trader (ATT) Programme certified companies) to accurately furnish their **Company Names** and **Operating Addresses** certified under the ATT 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.

¹ Equivalent to AEO