

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 Hong Kong 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 under the MRA, AEOs have to follow the procedures for the implementation of the Hong Kong-Malaysia MRA at **Annex**.

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 - Malaysia MRA**

Hong Kong AEO Exporting Consignments to Malaysia

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

Example:

Original HK AEO number	Converted AEO number
AEO HK0123456789	HK0123456789

2. Provide the **12- digit converted AEO number** (i.e. **HK0123456789**) to importers in Malaysia for their import declarations to the declaration system (SMK) of Malaysia Customs.
3. Importers / Customs brokers in Malaysia will enter the **converted AEO number** of your company to the “**MRA ID**” field under “Participant - Exporter” of SMK.

The screenshot shows the 'K1 REGISTRATION' system interface. The 'Participant' tab is active. The 'MRA ID' field is highlighted with a red box and contains the value 'HK 0123456789'. A yellow arrow points from this field to a note: '(12-digit converted Hong Kong AEO number to be entered)'. Other fields include Importer, Agent, Exporter, and Declarant information.

4. You may refer to a training video on the procedures to enjoy benefits in Malaysia under the MRA at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ju4GVw0Tkkw>.

Importing Malaysia AEO Consignments into Hong Kong

1. Your company should ask exporters in Malaysia (if they are AEOs) to accurately furnish their **Company Names** and **Operating Addresses** certified under the AEO program, 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.