

## Notice to Traders



### **Hong Kong Customs Implements Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Authorized Economic Operators with Canada Customs**



The Hong Kong-Canada Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on the Authorized Economic Operators (AEOs) becomes operational with effect from **20 February 2020**.

The Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) signed the MRA with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) on 27 June 2019. The MRA not only fosters closer cooperation between C&ED and its counterpart in Canada 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 Canada.

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 Canada upon arrival. Similarly, companies which have been certified by the CBSA as members of Partners in Protection (PIP) 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-Canada 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 ([http://www.customs.gov.hk/en/trade\\_facilitation/aeo/index.html](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 – Canada MRA**

**Hong Kong AEO Exporting Consignments to Canada**

1. Your company should provide your company name certified under the Hong Kong AEO programme accurately in shipping documents.
2. Importers / Customs brokers in Canada will enter your company name when lodging import declaration through Integrated Import Declaration (IID) system which will recognize the AEO status of your company and Customs facilitation will be granted. HKAEO code is not required in IID.

**Importing Canada PIP<sup>1</sup> Consignments into Hong Kong**

1. Your company should ask exporters in Canada (if they are Partners in Protection (PIP) members) to accurately furnish their **Company Names** and **Operating Addresses** certified under the PIP 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.

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<sup>1</sup> Equivalent to AEO