

Notice to Traders



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



The Hong Kong-Macao Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on the Authorized Economic Operators (AEOs) becomes operational with effect from **20 April 2026**.

The Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) ratified the MRA with the Macao Customs on 10 November 2023. The MRA not only fosters closer cooperation between C&ED and its counterpart in Macao 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 Macao.

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 Macao upon arrival. Similarly, companies which have been certified by Macao Customs 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 to enjoy the benefits under the MRA between Hong Kong and Macao 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.

For more information, please visit the HK AEO website (https://www.customs.gov.hk/en/trade_facilitation/aeo/index.html) or contact us at 3759 2153.

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**Procedures to Enjoy Benefits Under Mutual Recognition Arrangement
between**

Hong Kong – Macao

Hong Kong AEO Exporting Consignments to Macao

1. Macao Customs has already incorporated the AEO information of your company in its computer system, customs facilitation will be granted once your Macao importers / customs brokers provide the following information, which has been certified under the HK AEO Programme, accurately to Macao Customs when lodging the import declarations:

- HK AEO Code
- Company name

Importing Macao AEO Consignments into Hong Kong

1. Your company should ask exporters in Macao (if they are Macao AEOs) to accurately furnish their **Company Names** and **Operating Addresses** certified under the AEO Programme, together with other cargo information, to their carriers (i.e. Road freight forwarders, 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.
