

Notice to Traders



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



The Hong Kong-Bahrain Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on the Authorized Economic Operators (AEOs) becomes operational with effect from **3 August 2026**.

The Customs and Excise Department (C&ED) ratified the MRA with the Bahrain Customs Affairs (BCA) on 22 April 2024. The MRA not only fosters closer cooperation between C&ED and its counterpart in Bahrain 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 Bahrain.

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 Bahrain upon arrival. Similarly, companies which have been certified by the BCA 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 Bahrain 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.

Customs and Excise Department
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Procedures to Enjoy Benefits Under Mutual Recognition Arrangement between

Hong Kong – Bahrain

Hong Kong AEO Exporting Consignments to Bahrain

1. Your company should provide the following information certified under the HK AEO Programme accurately to Bahrain importers / Customs brokers when exporting consignments to Bahrain:
 - HK AEO Code
 - Company name
2. Importers / Customs brokers in Bahrain will input the above information when filling import declaration document by using Bahrain Customs Single Window (OFOQ 2) for matching. The relevant procedures are shown in Annex II.

Importing Bahrain AEO Consignments into Hong Kong

1. Your company should ask exporters in Bahrain (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 C&ED.

Operation Procedures for the Bahrain Single Window System (OFOQ 2)

Step 1

Header	Statistical	Bill Of Lading	Invoices	Items	Documents	Permits	Guarantee	Transit	Charges	Queries	Other	Summary
* Regime : 4-Import * Mode Of Transport : Trader Reference : Country Of Destination : BH-BAHRAIN * Port Of Exit/Origin : Office of Exit : Remarks : ☐ Inspection at the port * Declaration Type : Import Provisional Declaration Number : * Country Of Exportation : * Port Of Entry/Destination : * Office Of Declaration : * Location Of Goods :												
Declarant Details Declarant Name : RAIDER RUYAN192040 Salman C Party Name : RIC-Hester19220												
Importer and Exporter Details Exporter : Exporter PIN : Exporter CR Number : Importer PIN : Importer CR Number : ☒ Others * Exporter Name : John Due * Importer : Importer Name : Excise Tax Warehouse ID :												
Consignor and Consignee Details												
Credit Party Account Credit Party Account :												
Save Reset												

➤ Uncheck the field “Others”

Step 2

Header	Statistical	Bill Of Lading	Invoices	Items	Documents	Permits	Guarantee	Transit	Charges	Queries	Other	Summary
* Regime : 4-Import * Mode Of Transport : 4-Air transport Trader Reference : Country Of Destination : BH-BAHRAIN * Port Of Exit/Origin : BSASD-Andros Town, Andros Isl Office of Exit : Remarks : ☐ Inspection at the port * Declaration Type : Import Provisional Declaration Number : * Country Of Exportation : BS-BAHAMAS * Port Of Entry/Destination : BAH-Bahrain International Airp * Office Of Declaration : 2206-Air Cargo * Location Of Goods : الشحن الجوي												
Declarant Details Declarant Name : RAIDER RUYAN192040 Salman C Party Name : RIC-Hester19220												
Importer and Exporter Details * Exporter : Exporter PIN : Exporter CR Number : Importer PIN : Importer CR Number : ☐ Others Exporter Name : * Importer : Importer Name : Excise Tax Warehouse ID :												
Consignor and Consignee Details												
Credit Party Account Credit Party Account :												
Save Reset												

➤ Once the field “Others” is unchecked, a drop-down list at the field “Exporter” will show all companies registered in the system.

Header Statistical Bill Of Lading Invoices Items Documents Permits Guarantee Transit Charges Queries Other Summary

* Register:

* Mode Of Transport:

* Declaration Type:

Trader Reference:

Country Of Destination:

* Port Of Exit/Origin:

Office of Exit:

Remarks:

Declarant Name:

Importer and Exporter Details

AdamTestParty1

Adminother

* Exporter:

Exporter PIN:

Exporter CR Number:

Importer PIN:

Importer CR Number:

Party Name:

Excise Tax Warehouse ID:

Consignor and Consignee Details

Credit Party Account

Credit Party Account:

Save Reset

- Importers / Customs brokers in Bahrain may enter and search the HKAE0 Code at the column “CR Number”, or enter the HKAE0 company name at the column “Name” to retrieve the relevant information
- When the AEO code is identified, it should be selected to proceed to the next stage
- If the corresponding HKAE0 code or company name cannot be located in the relevant fields, please contact Bahrain Customs for further assistance.

Enquiry:

For any enquiries about the OFOQ 2, please refer to the official website <https://sew.ofoq2.gov.bh/TFBSEW2/cusLogin/login.cl> or contact Bahrain Customs at customerservice@customs.gov.bh.
