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To
All Top Importers/Exporters

Subject: Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) status/facility for major importers and exporters for Customs preferential treatment

Dear Sir/Madam,

Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) facility is provided to major importers and exporters by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC). The CBEC Circular No.33/2016-Customs dated 22.07.2016 as amended by Circular No.3/2018-Customs dated 17.01.2018 may be seen in this regard (copy enclosed). Kolkata Customs Public Notice Nos. 28/2018 dated 06.04.2018, 84/2018 dated 12.09.2018, 96/2018 dated 23.10.2018 and 121/2018 dated 17.12.2018 may also be seen.

2. The AEO facility provides significant benefits to enlisted importers/exporters as mentioned in the Trade Facilitation Notice No. 1/2018 dated 06.02.2018 issued by Kolkata Customs (Port) (copy enclosed). However, we are yet to receive application for AEO enrolment from your organization.

3. The main benefits of AEO are assured facilitation of Imports/Exports, Direct Port Delivery (DPD), Direct Port Entry (DPE) and deferred payment of duty. In case of AEO T2 and T3, exporters can expect facilitation of their exports in the country of import which can help in their business dealings with overseas clients as well as attract potential new trading partners in the importing country. The list of countries with which Indian Customs has or is negotiating Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA's) with their Customs counterpart is enclosed. These countries will provide reciprocal facilitation to Indian AEO exporters' consignments imported into their countries.


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4. A preferential treatment is, therefore, given to AEO's by the Customs department and Partner Government Agencies not only in India but also by foreign Customs. AEO status is recognized worldwide.

5. It is therefore advised to apply for AEO status. The application for AEO status can be made to Deputy Commissioner of Customs (Port) & Client Relationship Manager (AEO Cell), Custom House, 15/1, Strand Road, Kolkata. The Public Notice No. 28/2018 dated 06.04.2018 may be seen in this regard (copy enclosed). AEO – T1 application can also be made online using AEO web application (aeoindia.gov.in).

6. The above referred Public Notices can be seen/downloaded from Kolkata Customs website (www.kolkatacustoms.gov.in)

Sincerely,

 29.1.19

(Manish Chandra)

Commissioner of Customs (Port)

Encl: As above

COUNTRIES WITH WHICH INDIAN CUSTOMS HAS OR IS NEGOTIATING MRA

Sl. No	Countries/Customs Administration
1	South Korea (MRA exists)
2	Hong Kong (MRA exists)
3	Taiwan (MRA being negotiated)
4	Uganda (MRA being negotiated)
5	Thailand (MRA being negotiated)
6	Philippines (MRA being negotiated)
7	Indonesia (MRA being negotiated)
8	Malaysia (MRA being negotiated)
9	Singapore (MRA being negotiated)
10	East African Community (EAC) – Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda (MRA being negotiated)
11	USA (MRA being negotiated)
12	UAE (MRA being negotiated)
13	Saudi Arabia (MRA being negotiated)
14	Belgium (MRA being negotiated)
15	France (MRA being negotiated)
16	Germany (MRA being negotiated)
17	Italy (MRA being negotiated)
18	Netherlands (MRA being negotiated)
19	Spain (MRA being negotiated)
20	United Kingdom (MRA being negotiated)
21	Australia (MRA being negotiated)
22	Vietnam (MRA being negotiated)
23	Turkey (MRA being negotiated)
24	South Africa (MRA being negotiated)
25	Japan (MRA being negotiated)
26	Israel (MRA being negotiated)
27	Brazil (MRA being negotiated)
28	Mexico (MRA being negotiated)
29	Switzerland (MRA being negotiated)