

Session 3: Collaboration recipe for success The EU AEO experience



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AEO background - general

- **June 2005: SAFE Framework of Standards adopted**
- **'Security amendments' of the CCC and CCIP, including
AEO**
- **1 January 2008 – fully operational EU wide AEO
programme**

AEO background – working with others

WCO SAFE

- ✓ AEO is a party involved in the international movement of goods in whatever function that has been approved by or on behalf of a national Customs administration as complying with WCO or equivalent supply chain security standards.
- ✓ The SAFE Framework also encourages the establishment of cooperative arrangements between Customs and other government agencies. There should be recognition of other already existing international standards”.

AEO background – working with others

Community legislation:

- ✓ Customs authorities, if necessary following consultation with other competent authorities, shall grant, subject to the criteria provided for in the legislation, the status of “authorised economic operator” to any economic operator established in the customs territory of the Community.

This is the way to:

- ensure global supply chain security and safety;
- avoid duplication of efforts and costs both for authorities and economic operators;

AEO background – working with others

- ✓ **In the security area, direct link with:**
 - the regulated agent in the aviation sector;
 - internationally recognised security and safety standards issued on the basis of international conventions governing the transport sector concerned (e.g. TIR, ISPS, etc.);
 - certificates issued in a third country with which the EU has concluded bilateral agreement;
- ✓ **In the compliance area, direct link with:**
 - licenses and authorisations connected to commercial policy measures or to trade in agricultural products
 - import and/or export licenses connected to prohibitions and restrictions

Working with others – challenges identified and lesson learnt

- ✓ Start as soon as early as possible
- ✓ Identify the scope of possible inter links and scope of cooperation
- ✓ Look at the details and learn from the practice
- ✓ Understand the others; it's a question of cooperation and working together
- ✓ It's challenging but worth to do

Reinforced cooperation with other authorities and policies

Ongoing initiatives:

- *aviation sector – AEO/RA/KC/AC*
- *maritime sector – AEO/ISPS*
- *dual use goods*
- *product safety*
- *agricultural products*

Cooperation and exchange of information and best practices among WCO members at international level is crucial.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

MUCHAS GRACIAS

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