Customs Brokers System

Japan Customs

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Overview

- around 900 Customs brokers
- license system
- Registered Customs Specialist system
- Customs brokerage Act (1967)
- NOT mandatory to use brokers
- Common to use brokers
  
ex. more than 95% of export declarations
License system – to regulate brokers –

- Permission by Director-General of regional Customs is necessary
- Requirements
  - ex. sound financial balance, no violation of customs laws
- Permission can be revoked
- Business suspension order/punishment
- Subject to on site inspection

compliance
Registered Customs Specialist system
– for qualified brokers –

- Each Customs broker must allocate Registered Customs Specialist at all the offices/branches.
- Registered Customs Specialist is a professional for Customs clearance procedure.
  - National examination
  - more than 7400 Specialists
- Work Suspension order/punishment

professionalism
Customs-Business Partnership

- Customs Brokers Associations
  - advice to traders on import/export clearances
  - make proposals to the government
  - organize seminars and training

- Periodic meetings between Customs and the Association

- Organize Joint Trainings for Customs Brokers/Specialists

Better Communication
AEO Customs Brokers

- Introduced in April 2008
- 90 AEO Customs Brokers (as of February 2015)

Requirements

ex.

- enough experiences: more than 3 years
- no record of violations of Customs related laws
- set own compliance rules

What is the benefits?
**Benefits of AEO Customs Brokers: Imports**

**General Procedure**

1. **Ship’s Entry**
2. **Import/Duty Declaration**
3. **Examination/Inspection**
4. **Duty Payment**
5. **Import Permit**
6. **Cargo Release**

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Before placing goods into Customs area:

- **Import Declaration**
- **Ship’s Entry**
- **Examination/Inspection**
- **Import Permit**

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**Procedure for AEO Customs Brokers**

1. **Import Declaration**
2. **Ship’s Entry**
3. **Examination/Inspection**
4. **Import Permit**
5. **Cargo Release**
6. **Duty Declaration/Payment** (Collectively)
Thank you for your attention