

Thailand

ARTICLE 7: RELEASE AND CLEARANCE OF GOODS

Sub-article 7: Trade Facilitation measure for Authorized Economic Operators

Thailand's AEO programme has been developed based on WCO Standards utilizing SAFE Framework of Standards, AEO Compendium and AEO Implementation Guidance. With the adoption of WCO tools, the awareness of global supply chain security and trade facilitation has been increasing. Both Customs and operators involved in the international movement of goods have collaborated to strengthen and improve supply chain security.

Thailand's AEO programme has been implemented since 2011. The number of AEO companies as of 30 September 2022 is 400, of which 202 are importers/exporters and 198 are customs brokers. Thailand has signed 5 AEO Mutual Recognition Arrangements (AEO-MRA) including Hong Kong in 2015, Republic of Korea in 2016, Singapore in 2018, Australia in 2021 and Japan in 2022. Thai Customs has also made progress towards the establishment of AEO-MRA including Malaysia, China, New Zealand and ASEAN which are currently under negotiation.