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MUTUAL RECOGNITION

ABOUT MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT (MRA)

As part of Singapore's efforts to enhance global supply chain security and facilitate the movement of legitimate goods, Singapore Customs seeks to sign MRAs with our trading partners.

Under an MRA, Singapore Customs would recognise the Authorised Economic Operators (AEOs) certified by our partners as being of lower risk, and our partners will likewise accord the same recognition to our Secure Trade Partnership (STP)-Plus companies.

OUR 14 MRA PARTNERS

ASEAN, Australia, Canada, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong SAR, India, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Thailand, United Kingdom & United States

MRA BENEFITS

01
Your cargo would enjoy a higher level of facilitation during clearance, domestically and overseas.

02
Your cargo would receive priority treatment if it has been selected for inspection.

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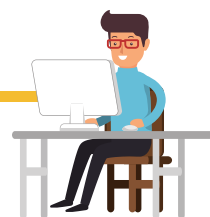Your cargo would receive expedited customs clearance in the event of trade disruption.

04
You would enjoy cost savings due to better predictability of cargo movement.

DETAILED PROCEDURES

AEO CODES

- AEO codes are issued to AEOs by their respective Customs Administrations and are used to identify AEO cargoes.

- In Singapore, our STP companies and STP-Plus companies are issued with their unique AEO code (a 17-character alphanumeric in the form of AEOSGXXXXXXXXXXX).

IF YOU ARE A STP / STP-PLUS COMPANY

- Declare your AEO code in TradeNet import and/or export permit declarations so that your shipment could be identified domestically:

Declaration Field in TradeNet	Information to be Declared
Customs Procedure Code (CPC)	AEO
Processing Code 1 (PC1)	SG
Processing Code 2 (PC2)	XXXXXXXXXXXX

- For STP-Plus companies exporting to our MRA partners, you should also provide your AEO code to your overseas importers, so that your AEO code could be declared in their import declarations.

- For STP-Plus companies exporting to Hong Kong SAR (HK) and New Zealand (NZ), your AEO status would be automatically recognised when your HK and NZ importers declare your company as the supplier in their import declarations.

- For STP-Plus companies exporting to United States (US), your AEO status would be automatically recognised when your US importers use your Manufacturer Identification (MID) number in their import declarations.

Please contact your US importer to obtain the MID number issued to your company if you are not aware of your MID number or it is your first shipment to the US; and inform your Account Manager (from Singapore Customs) of the MID number.

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- For STP-Plus companies exporting to India (IN), your AEO status would be automatically recognised when your IN importers use your Overseas Business Identification Number (OBIN) in their import declarations.

Please contact your IN importer to obtain their Importer Exporter Code (IEC) and complete the OBIN form available <u>here</u> to obtain the OBIN issued to your company. The OBIN is to be shared with your IN importer.

IF YOU ARE IMPORTING FROM AN MRA PARTNER'S AEO

- Obtain your business partner's AEO code and declare it in your TradeNet import permit declarations in the following manner:

Declaration Field in TradeNet	Information to be Declared
Customs Procedure Code (CPC)	AEO
Processing Code 1 (PC1)	Either AU, BN, CA, CN, GB, HK, ID, IN, JP, KR, MY, NZ, PH, TH, TW
Processing Code 2 (PC2)	or US AEO or MID (for US) number

- TradeNet allows up to 5 entries under the PC1 and PC2 fields. STP-Plus companies importing from an MRA partner's AEO exporter could declare both their own AEO code and their business partner's AEO code in their TradeNet permit declarations.
- Please note that the Singapore AEO code declared in the Customs Clearance Permit should only belong to either the importer, exporter or freight forwarder for the particular shipment. Freight forwarders who are providing only permit declaration services for any particular shipment should not declare their Singapore AEO code in the Customs Clearance Permit.

DETAILED PROCEDURES

- For more information on the STP programme or MRAs, please visit our website at: https://www.customs.gov.sg/businesses/customs-schemes-licences-framework/secure-trade-partnership-stp
- You may also wish to contact Schemes & Licence Management Branch at customs_schemes@customs.gov.sg

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