

Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) is here. Are you ready?



Are you on track?

HMRC have been rolling out AEO accreditations since mid 2008. Now is a good time to implement a framework to comply with the conditions set out by the AEO requirements. 1,000 businesses already have!

These are businesses who want to ensure they have guaranteed continuing access to their markets and trading partners, and to be seen as "the best".

The Objectives of AEO

- To provide proper security controls to ensure the protection of the internal markets and in close co-operation with major trading centres around the world
- To provide facilitation to those traders (AEOs) which demonstrate compliance in efforts to secure their part of the international supply chain
- Existing customers, suppliers and clients who gain AEO status are more likely to seek trading opportunities with other AEOs to secure their supply chain

The Benefits of AEO

- A lower risk score incorporated into a Customs Risk Management System, reducing the need for physical and documentary checks on consignments.
- Fast tracked consignments and priority clearance
- Simplified pre-arrival / pre-departure declarations, compulsory from July 2009
- Benefits deriving from the implementation of the Modernised Customs Code in 2010
- Enhanced local clearance facilities
- Clearing your imports anywhere in the EU
- Recognised status across the EU
- Enhanced business opportunities - AEO provides a "kite mark" giving confidence to prospective trading partners and authorities
- Not losing out when mutual recognition agreements are introduced from 2009 with countries like USA (C-TPAT)
- Reductions in shipping insurance could be achieved by an AEO holder

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How Veracis can help you

Veracis is a well established Customs and Due Diligence Consultancy, incorporated in 1999 and we have been helping companies to mitigate risk and to implement robust trading procedures for many years. We advise small to medium sized companies and demonstrate the best value route to AEO accreditation.

The Application Process - we can:

1. Assist you in the compilation of the initial application form C117.
2. Assist you in the compilation of the AEO questionnaire form C118.
3. Review your customs and management activities.
4. Help you to design and implement reporting and management procedures.
5. Produce and present a complete safety and security review, prepared by BCC.
6. Conduct an audit to test the management and reporting procedures.
7. Conduct regular management procedure audits.
8. Provide regular consultancy during and after the audit accreditation visits by HMRC officers.

Veracis will work with you at the level you require in order to assist you in making a successful application and "passing the audit".

Together with BCC we have expertise across ISO 9001, 27001 & 28001 offering you an expert mix in: systems, supply chain security and logistics.

Tailored for YOU!

Veracis ensures that, whether you have 5 or 500 staff, the processes that you document for AEO are appropriate and relevant to YOU and Your business.

The Veracis route to AEO

Veracis has formulated a methodical approach to the completion of the AEO Questionnaire. AEO accreditation is based on the principles of the International Standards Organisation - making management and business processes accountable and subject to review. By achieving these standards, and satisfying HMRC that you have done so and will continue to manage your business in this way, the route is clear to launch a successful application for accreditation.

We will assist you to demonstrate that your systems and procedures are documented in accordance with the application criteria, to enable you to lodge a credible application. Beyond your application stage, we can undertake timely AEO inspections and reviews to demonstrate that the criteria continue to be met.

Safety and Security with BCC

Veracis has formed a strategic alliance with Industry and Aviation Security experts Business Change Consultancy Ltd (BCC). They are experienced in the core issue of the AEO application, Safety and Security, and have worked with Government departments on this important issue. To meet the comprehensive security assessment criteria, BCC conduct a site visit(s) to conduct a risk assessment of both premises and processes. This is presented in a detailed report covering many areas including:

- Access Controls
- Outside Contracts
- Personnel issues
- Transport

Any recommendations are highlighted to meet the required standards. Those businesses operating premises approved by the Department of Transport under the "Known Consignor Scheme" will have a flying start in gaining the Safety and Security part of AEO approval.



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