

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



Are you on track?

HMRC have been rolling out accreditations since mid 2008. Now is a good time to implement a framework to comply with the conditions set out by the AEO requirements. 12,000 businesses already have, across the EU!

These are the 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
- Benefits deriving from the final implementation of the Union Customs Code in 2016
- Enhanced local clearance facilities
- Ability to claim guarantee waivers
- Clearing imports anywhere in the EU
- Recognised status across the EU and worldwide
- Enhanced business opportunities – AEO provides a "kite mark" giving confidence to prospective trading partners and authorities
- Not losing out as mutual recognition agreements are introduced, especially 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 C118
3. Review your customs and management processes
4. Help you design and implement reporting and management procedures
5. Produce a complete safety and security review
6. Conduct an audit to test the relevant procedures
7. Conduct regular management procedure audits
8. Provide regular consultancy during and after the audit accreditation visits by HMRC officers

Tailored for YOU!

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

The Veracis route to AEO

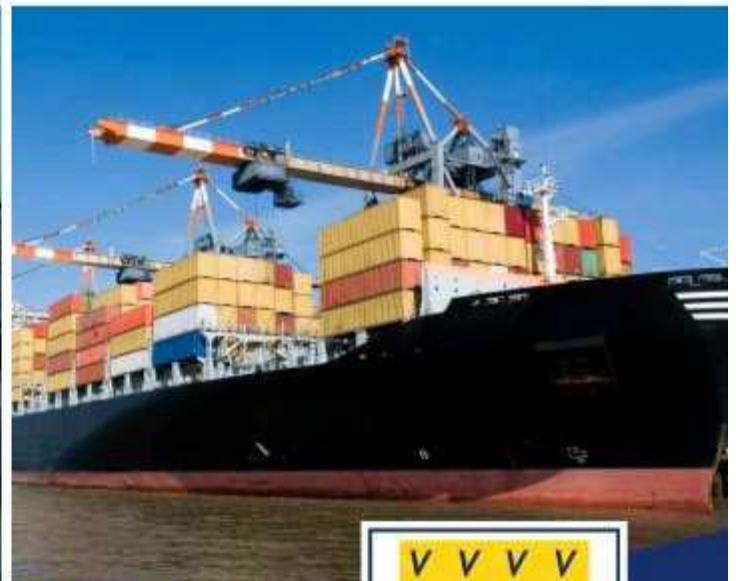
Veracis has formulated a methodical approach to the completion of the AEO questionnaire. AEO accreditation is based on the principle of the International Standards Organisation – making management and business processes accountable and subject to review. By achieving these standards, and satisfying HMRC 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 creditable 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

Veracis has formed an alliance with Industry and Aviation Security experts Business Change Consultancy Ltd (BCC). They are experienced in the core issue of the AEO Safety and Security application and have worked extensively with Government departments on this important area.

To meet the comprehensive security assessment criteria, Veracis or BCC make site visits to conduct a risk assessment of premises and processes. This is reported in detail, covering (at the least) all AEO based items including Access Controls, External contracts, Transport and Personnel.



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