

Customs: Mutual Recognition - New benefits for Authorised Economic Operators in EU and China

Authorised economic operators (AEOs) in EU and China will receive reciprocal benefits related to security controls and customs clearance starting from 3 November 2015, as a direct result of a mutual recognition of respective AEO schemes in EU and China.

The benefits for European and Chinese AEOs are based on the decision adopted by the EU-China Joint Customs Cooperation Committee on 16 May 2014. With the completion of the necessary data exchange mechanism between the IT systems on both sides, the full implementation of this decision has started on 3 November 2015.

Holders of EU AEO authorisations with the safety and security component (AEOS or AEOC/AEOS) benefit from reduced security & safety related controls and priority treatment at customs clearance in China. Holders of the Chinese Advanced Certified Enterprise (ACE) certificate enjoy reciprocal benefits in the EU, including fewer controls and priority at customs clearance.