

WTO TFA Art. 7.7

-Authorized Operators -

WCO Implementation Guidance



RKC GA
Chapter 3



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Package

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- **Transitional Standard 3.32:** special procedures for ‘authorized persons’, being natural or legal persons who meet criteria specified by the Customs, including having an appropriate record of compliance with Customs requirements and a satisfactory system for managing their commercial records.
 - release of the goods on the provision of the minimum information necessary to identify the goods and permit the subsequent completion of the final Goods declaration;
 - clearance of the goods at the declarant's premises or another place authorized by the Customs;
 - and, in addition, to the extent possible, other special procedures such as :
 - allowing a single Goods declaration for all imports or exports in a given period where goods are imported or exported frequently by the same person;
 - use of the authorized persons’ commercial records to self-assess their duty and tax liability and, where appropriate, to ensure compliance with other Customs requirements;
 - allowing the lodgement of the Goods declaration by means of an entry in the records of the authorized person to be supported subsequently by a supplementary Goods declaration.

The SAFE



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- The SAFE Framework principally incorporated into its text detailed provisions on the conditions and requirements for Customs and Authorized Economic Operators (AEO), initially developed in a separate document. This addition was driven by the perception that both Customs and its business partners would benefit from having all SAFE and AEO provisions readily available in a single comprehensive instrument.

The SAFE Package

- The Package includes various tools relating to AEOs including AEO Implementation Guidance, the AEO Compendium and Model AEO Appeal Procedures:
 - ✓ AEO Implementation Guidance
 - ✓ AEO Compendium
 - ✓ Model AEO Appeal Procedures
 - ✓ AEO Benefits: Contribution from the WCO Private Sector Consultative Group
 - ✓ The Authorized Economic Operator and the Small and Medium Enterprise (FAQ)
 - ✓ Strategy Guide for AEO Mutual Recognition
 - ✓ MRA Implementation Guidance
 - ✓ AEO Template
 - ✓ FAQ on linkages between the SAFE AEO Programme and Article 7.7 of the TFA
 - ✓ AEO Validator Guide

AEO Compendium 2018 +

- 77 AEO programmes and 17 under development
- 60 bilateral MRAs and another 34 are being negotiated
- 31 operational Customs Compliance programmes and 2 to be launched
- Regional MRAs (EU, EAC, SACU, EAEU)
- Initiatives for plurilateral MRAs (Pacific Alliance Partners: Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru) and another three under way (GTI, CEFTA, ANDEAN Community)
- At the October 2018 SAFE Working Group meeting discussions on expanding the AEO concept to Cross-Border E-Commerce

