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Authorized Economic Operator (AEO)



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Introduction

- The AEO program implementation in Georgia is based on the Association Agreement with the European Union.





Who can obtain the Authorized Economic Operator status?

Any legal entity or individual who is involved in the international movement of goods and in carrying out their activities, deals with customs procedures, can obtain the Authorized Economic Operator status.

This definition includes:

- ✓ Importers,
- ✓ Exporters,
- ✓ Warehouses,
- ✓ Carriers,
- ✓ and others.





AEO status

The AEO status includes two types of authorizations:

AEOC - Customs Simplification

AEOS - Security and Safety



The above individuals may receive one of the authorizations or both at the same time.



Simplifications and exemptions

Direct and indirect benefits of holding the AEO status

		AEOC	AEOS	AEOC+AEOS	
Less frequent physical and document control		√	√	√	<i>Direct bonuses</i>
Prior notice of physical examination			√	√	
Priority use of customs services		√	√	√	
Priority at border crossing		√	√	√	
Easily accessible customs services	Exemption from warranty provision	√		√	
	Selection of the location of control procedures	√		√	
	Temporary storage of goods at the company's storage facility	√		√	
	Not presenting goods at the place of clearance	√		√	
Efficiency of activity processes of the status holders		√	√	√	<i>Indirect bonuses</i>
Recognized as a safe and reliable partner			√	√	
Improved relations with customs		√	√	√	
Mutual recognition of AEO with other countries			√	√	



Receiving an Application and Verification of the Applicant

Receiving an application: Application and self-assessment questionnaire.

Discussion and decision making:

Within 30 calendar days of registration of the “application” the following is checked:

- whether the status has been revoked in the last 3 years;
- correctness and completeness of the attached documents;
- will partially verify the accuracy of the information provided;
- provides consultation when necessary;
- requests additional information or documentation as needed.

One of the following decisions shall be made: Leaving «application» without consideration or Denying the status or Appointing the verification.

Applicant Verification:

The time period specified for verification is 120 calendar days, which may be extended for an additional 30 calendar days if necessary. The results of the verification are formalized by an inspection act, on the basis of which an order to grant or refuse to grant the status is issued.



Criteria for granting status

Persons interested in obtaining the status should meet the following criteria:

- No significant violations of the law;
- Financial stability and solvency;
- A well-established accounting system;
- Professional qualification (AEOC);
- Enforcement of safety and security standards (AEOS).





Monitoring and verification

Once the Authorized Economic Operator status is granted, the Customs Department conducts regular monitoring, following up on compliance with legal requirements or other information. Based on the data obtained in the course of monitoring, full or partial verification of compliance with the standards of the authorized economic operator may be assigned.





Suspension, extension and cancellation

Status will stop when:

- There is information that may be grounds for revocation of status, but it is insufficient and requires further study;
- There is information that the criteria and/or obligations have not been met and the status holder has been given a deadline to fulfill the specified conditions or obligations;
- The authorized economic operator itself requests an additional period of time to fulfill the conditions for granting the status.

At the end of the suspension period, the Revenue Service decides whether to extend or revoke the status.

Grounds for revocation of the status include:

- Failure to meet mandatory criteria;
- Request the status holder to cancel the status;
- Un-extended suspended status.

If the status is revoked, a new application for status will not be considered for 3 years.



AEO implementation

What is done:

- Trainings for employees of the Audit Department;
- Meeting with economic operators, informing them about AEO, consideration of their notes and proposals;
- Seven companies have already been granted the AEO status;
- Communicating with different countries by mutual recognition;

What is planned:

- Compilation of guidelines;
- Active communication with different countries on mutual recognition;
- Meeting with economic operators for consultation on preliminary assessment;
- Trainings to improve the competence of employees;



Thank you!

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