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Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam,

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN) AUTHORISED ECONOMIC OPERATOR (AEO) MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT (MRA)

The ASEAN AEO MRA (AAMRA) will be operational with effect from 1 Aug 2024 for three ready ASEAN member states (AMS) – Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia¹ and Singapore. Under this MRA, companies certified under Singapore Customs' Secure Trade Partnership-Plus (STP-Plus) programme can benefit from facilitated clearance for their goods exported to Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia. Likewise, companies accredited under these two AMS' AEO programmes will enjoy similar facilitation on their goods exported to Singapore. The remaining seven AMS (Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, and Viet Nam) are targeting to implement the AAMRA at a later date.

STP-Plus Companies Exporting to or Importing from the Two AMS

2 For STP-Plus companies who are exporting to or importing from Brunei Darussalam and Malaysia, please provide your STP code to your business partner(s) in these countries to be declared in the export or import declaration submitted to respective countries' Customs administration. Your business partner(s) in these countries need not be AEO accredited.

Singapore Companies Exporting to or Importing from ASEAN AEO Companies

3 For Singapore companies who are exporting to or importing from ASEAN AEO companies, please obtain your business partner's AEO code and declare it in your TradeNet export or import permit declaration in the following manner:

Declaration Field	Information to be declared
Customs Procedure Code (CPC)	AEO
Processing Code 1 (PC1)	Either BN or MY
Processing Code 2 (PC2)	AEO number

¹ Malaysia has an existing AEO MRA with Singapore. No change to permit declaration procedures. Refer to <u>Circular 05/2024</u>.

4 Please note the specific Processing Code 1 (PC1) and Processing Code 2 (PC2) of each AMS below:

AMS	AMS AEO Code Format	AMS AEO Code Format in TradeNet
Brunei Darussalam	SLMSBN-XXXXXX-XXX	SLMSBNXXXXXXXX PC1 PC2 N.B. PC2 for Brunei is exclusive of the hyphens (-).
Malaysia	MYXXXXXXXXXXX	MYXXXXXXXXXXX PC1 PC2

5 TradeNet allows up to 5 entries under PC1 and PC2 fields. STP-Plus companies exporting to or importing from ASEAN AEO companies may declare both their AEO code and their business partner's AEO code in their TradeNet permit declarations.

Domestic Facilitated Clearance for STP-Plus and STP Importers and Exporters

6 To enjoy a higher level of facilitated clearance in Singapore, STP-Plus and STP importers and exporters are reminded to declare their STP code in the TradeNet import and export declarations as illustrated below.

The STP Code comes in the following format:



Declaration Field	Information to be declared
Customs Procedure Code (CPC)	AEO
Processing Code 1 (PC1)	SG
Processing Code 2 (PC2)	XXXXXXXXXXXX

Clarifications

7 If you require further clarifications, please email your enquiries to us at <u>customs_schemes@customs.gov.sg</u>.

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Yours faithfully,

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We hope that this circular has been written in a way that is clear to you. If not, please let us have suggestions on how to improve this circular at customs_schemes@customs.gov.sg