

All AEO are required to have their respective Business Partner complete a Business Partner Assessment .

Performing AEO Business Partner assessment is a cost-effective, time efficient way to verify whether or not your business partners comply with the security requirements relating to the safe storage, conveyance, loading and off loading of goods.

Business Partner Security involves:

Manufacturer

A manufacturer's responsibility in the international supply chain can be regarded as follows:

- Ensure a safe and secure manufacturing process for its products.
- Ensure a safe and secure supply of its products to its clients.

Exporter

An exporter's responsibility in the international supply chain can be regarded as follows:

- Responsible for the correctness of the export declaration and for its timely lodgement, if the export declaration is lodged by the importer.
- Ensure a secure and safe supply of the goods to the carrier or freight forwarder or customs Agent

Freight Forwarder

A freight forwarder's responsibility in the international supply chain can be regarded as follows:

- Apply the rules on transport formalities
- Ensure, if relevant, a secure and safe transport of goods
- Apply, if relevant, the rules on summary declarations in accordance with the legislation\

Warehouse Keeper

A warehouse-keeper's responsibility in the international supply chain can be regarded as follows:

- Ensure that while the goods are in a customs warehouse or in temporary storage, they are not removed from customs supervision.
- Fulfil the obligations that arise from the storage of goods covered by the customs warehousing procedure or by the rules on temporary storage.
- Comply with the particular conditions specified in the authorization for the customs warehouse or for the temporary storage facility.
- Provide adequate protection of the storage area against external intrusion.



Customs Agent

A customs representative is acting on behalf of a person who is involved in customs related business activities (e.g. an importer or an exporter).

A customs agent's responsibility in the international supply chain can be regarded as follows:

- Apply the necessary provisions in accordance with the customs rules specific for the type of representation, for placing the goods under a customs procedure.
- In case of indirect representation, responsible for the correctness of the customs or summary declaration and for its timely lodgement.





Carrier

A carrier is the person actually transporting the goods or in charge of or responsible for the operation of the means of transport.

A carrier's responsibility in the international supply chain can be regarded as follows:

- Ensure a secure and safe transport of goods, in particular avoiding unauthorized access to and tampering with the means of transport and the goods being transported.
- Provide necessary transport documentation.
- Apply the necessary legal formalities in accordance with customs law.

Importer

An importer is an operator on whose behalf an import declaration is made.

An importer's responsibility in the international supply chain can be regarded as follows:

- Responsible, if he has not appointed an indirect representative in his dealings with the customs authorities, for assigning the goods presented to customs a customs-approved treatment or use.

- Responsible, if the import declaration is lodged by the importer, for the correctness of the declaration and that it will be lodged in time.
- Apply the necessary legal formalities in accordance with customs rules relevant to the import of goods.
- Ensure a secure and safe receipt of goods, in particular avoiding unauthorized access to and tampering with the goods.

Countries that have AEO Programmes

1. China (Classified Mgt. of Enterprise)
2. Japan (AEO)
3. Korea (AEO)
4. Malaysia (AEO)
5. New Zealand (Secure Export Scheme (SES))
6. Singapore (Secure Trade Partnership (-TP))
7. Argentina (Customs System of Reliable Operators -SAOC)
8. Canada (Partners in Protection PIP)
9. USA Customs—Trade Partnership Against Terrorism C-TPAT)
10. EU (27 member countries AEO)
11. Norway (AEO)
12. Switzerland (AEO)
13. Jordan (Golden List Program)

Additional information can be found at <http://www.wcoomd.org/>



JAMAICA AEO PROGRAMME BUSINESS PARTNER ASSESSMENT



Who is a Business Partner?

A Business Partner is any person or organization providing a service or commodity to the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) and whose activities include but not limited to the supply of goods, consolidators, freight forwarders, haulage contractors, carriers and Customs Brokers.