

Apply for authorised economic operator (AEO) certification

The use of an AEO, also known as 'trusted trader' arrangements, could prove very helpful for your firm, particularly if you are involved in perishable product supply chains post-Brexit. The AEO is a standard issued by customs administrations in the EU to businesses involved in the import and export of goods.

This AEO status certifies that businesses have reached certain standards in relation to their security arrangements, management systems, compliance with customs rules and procedures and on-going solvency. Once certified, firms will be given benefits such as a low security risk, customs simplifications, very low examination rates and priority clearance of goods.

However, AEO status may not eliminate delays entirely as there is doubt that such technology could be introduced quickly enough for the UK's departure from the EU.