

## AEO Certification



The **PS Forwarding Group** of companies is proud to announce that our logistics company **MIES International Limited** has been awarded Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) status from HM Revenue and Customs. MIES International is amongst the first Midlands based freight forwarding companies, to be approved as an AEO.

The assessment program for AEO is very rigorous and the certification confirms a company's ability to work to extremely high standards of customs compliance and procedures.

The aim of AEO is to help provide businesses with an internationally recognised quality mark. AEO status will indicate safe & secure practices within the International Supply Chain and the AEO can be considered as a secure and trustworthy business to deal with and a reliable trading partner.

There are a number of benefits available to the AEO. These can be:-

- A reduction in customs physical & documentary checks
- "Fast Tracking" through customs controls
- Simplification of certain customs data requirements
- Simplifications for regular shipping services
- Simplified declaration procedures for CFSP & NES
- Recognised Status throughout the EC
- Opportunities with other countries who may well adopt similar systems

Additional benefits will be implemented when the EU Modernised Customs Code is introduced, possibly in 2010.

AEO came into effect throughout the EU on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008. It is a long and thorough process to become approved as an AEO and as yet has not been taken seriously within our profession. The regime is destined to become the international trade and security benchmark against which a trading company will be judged.

AEO is a World Customs Organisation initiative and certification by HM Revenue and Customs is a statement to the rest of the world that a company's processes meet the EU and UK Governments compliance requirements. In the fullness of time, not having AEO status may be construed as an indication that a trader does not have secure processes and will consequently make the goods they trade more liable to cross border intervention.

MIES International Limited is willing to offer help and assistance to customers in taking the right steps towards AEO certification.

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