

**TRADE NOTICE NO: 6/2018 DATED: 09.07.2018**

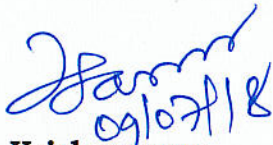
**AUTOMATIC RECOGNITION TO AUTHORIZED ECONOMIC OPERATORS  
(AEO's) IDENTIFIED UNDER THE CUSTOMS PROGRAMME**

All the importers/exporters/agents operating at Kamarajar Port Limited are advised to acquire the Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) Certificate from Department of Revenue Central Board of Exercise & Customs in order to grant the automatic recognition & avail the DPD facility as per Ministry of Shipping direction.

There are different kinds of benefits specified to all the trusted Stakeholders certified under AEO Customs programme. The prominent features to AEO certified Trade pertaining to the **Circular No. 33/2016 - Customs dated 22.07.2016** under Central Board of Excise & Customs is given below:

- i. Inclusion of Direct Port Delivery (DPD) of imports to ensure just-in-time inventory management by manufacturers – clearance from wharf to warehouse.
- ii. Inclusion of Direct Port Entry for factory stuffed containers meant for export by AEOs.
- iii. Special focus on small and medium scale entities – any entity handling 25 import or export documents annually can become part of this programme.
- iv. Provision of Deferred Payment of duties – delinking duty payment and Customs Clearance.
- v. Mutual Recognition Agreements with other Customs Administrations.
- vi. Faster disbursement of drawback amount.
- vii. Fast tracking of refunds and adjudications.
- viii. Extension of facilitation to exports in addition to imports.
- ix. Self-certified copies of FTA/PTA origin related or any other certificates required for clearance would be accepted.
- x. Request based on-site inspection/examination.
- xi. Paperless declarations with no supporting documents.
- xii. Recognition by Partner Government Agencies and other Stakeholders as part of this programme.

The scheme of this initiative is to facilitate the Trade. In this regard, all the agents/importers/exporters are requested to obtain Authorized Economic Operator (AEO) certificate in order to get the aforesaid features.



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