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EU Authorised Economic Operator Programme: Links between trade facilitation and integrity



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Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) – Key elements

- 1. Concept**
- 2. General Principles**
- 3. Criteria and Benefits**
- 4. Statistics**
- 5. Challenges**
- 6. International Cooperation (Mutual Recognition Agreements)**



1. The AEO concept

- Customs-to-Business partnership
- principles of mutual transparency, correctness, fairness and responsibility
- Customs expects the AEO to act in line with customs legislation

2. General principles (1)

- *EU AEO programme has been fully **operational** since 1 January 2008*
- ***Partnership** between customs and economic operator*

2. General Principles (2)

- *The AEO status is open to **all supply chain actors***
- *The AEO status is **recognised in all 28 EU Member States***
- *There is **unlimited validity**, but **robust monitoring***

2. General Principles (3)

Two different types of authorisations

- ✓ ***AEO for Customs Simplifications (AEOC)***
- ✓ ***AEO for Security and Safety (AEOS)***
- *Each type of authorisation requires the fulfilment of specific criteria and offers different **benefits***
- *Both types may be held at the same time resulting in one **combined authorisation***

3. AEO Conditions/Criteria and Benefits

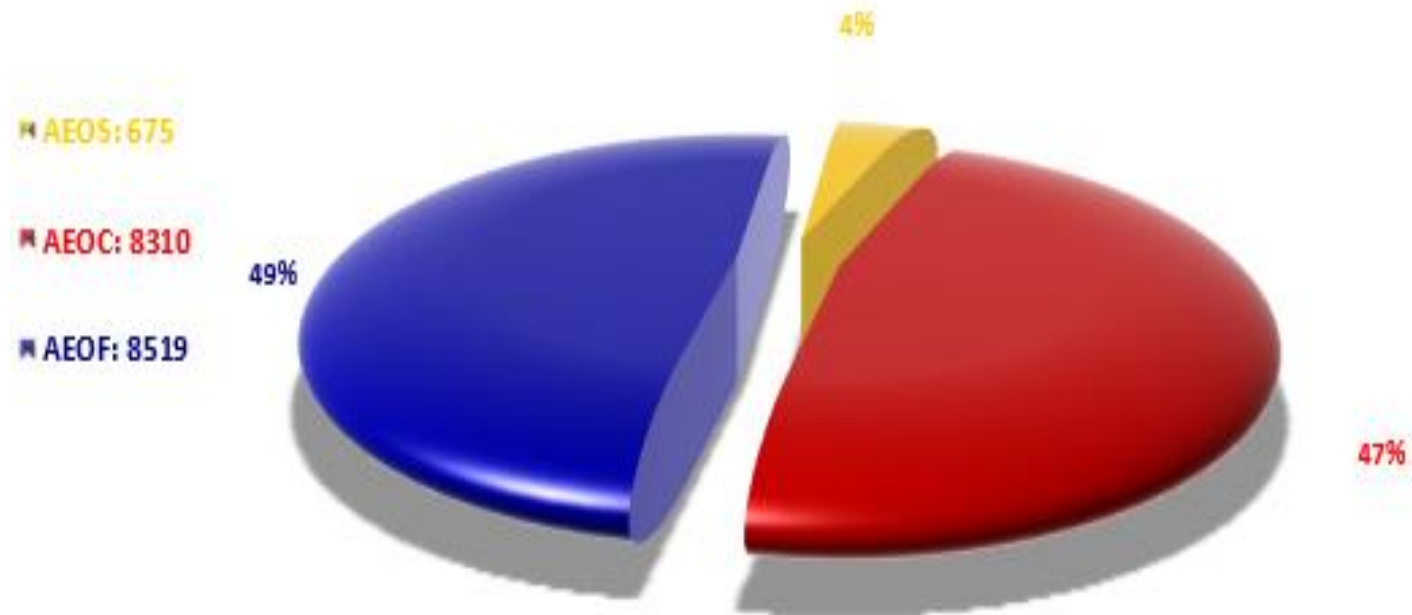
Conditions and criteria	AEOC	AEOS	Benefits
Economic operator	X	X	Fewer controls
Established in EU	X	X	Prior notification
Compliance	X	X	Priority treatment
Record keeping	X	X	Request for place for control
Financial solvency	X	X	Indirect benefits
Competence & qualification	X		Customs simplifications
Security & Safety		X	Mutual Recognition



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4. Statistics (1)

Valid AEO auth. (-30/04/2019)

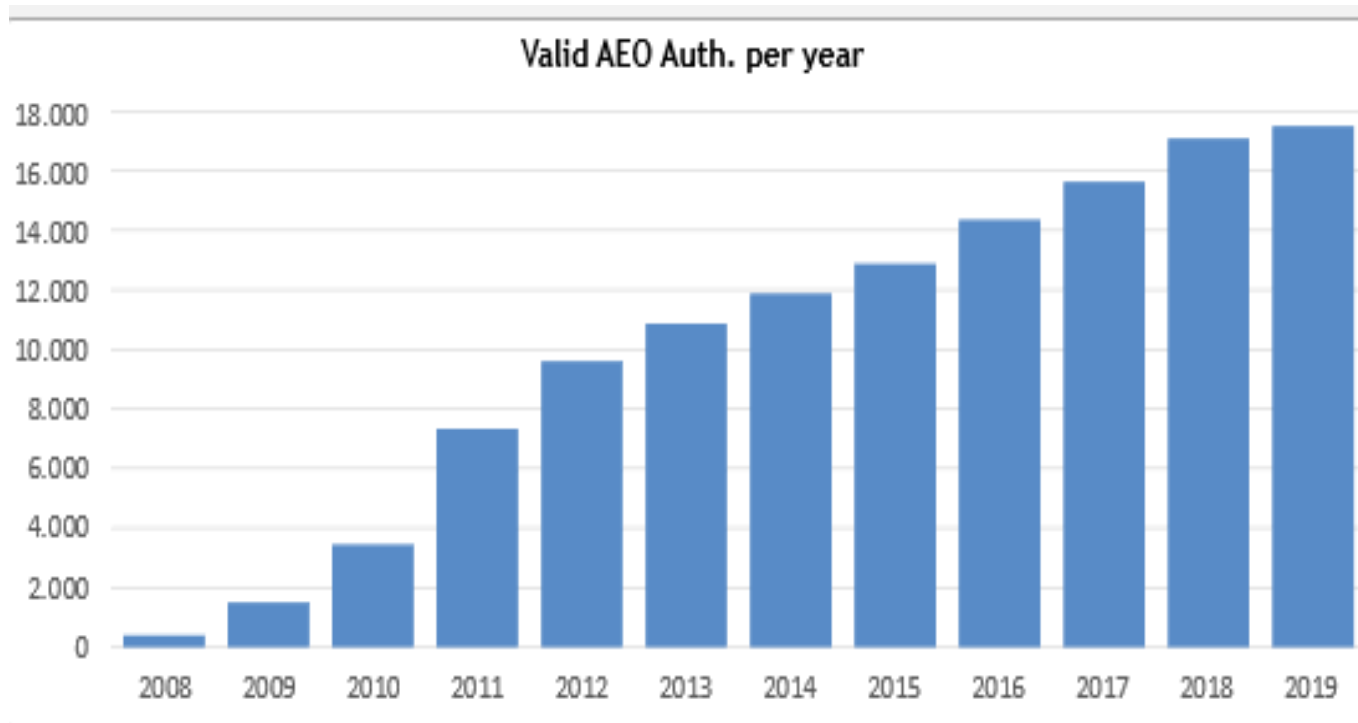


4. Statistics (2)

Valid authorisations from 1/1/2008 – 30/4/2019

	AEOS	AEOC	AEOF	Total
AT	6	141	234	381
BE	36	60	388	484
BG	0	24	52	76
CY	0	6	14	20
CZ	17	156	92	265
DE	59	4338	2749	7.146
DK	0	46	94	140
EE	2	9	23	34
ES	35	253	474	762
FI	7	10	72	89
FR	221	479	989	1.689
GB	19	369	427	815
GR	2	96	57	155
HR	0	30	9	39
HU	18	260	130	408
IE	1	23	153	177
IT	40	597	741	1.378
LT	1	44	61	106
LU	3	10	27	40
LV	1	15	18	34
MT	1	4	12	17
NL	131	414	1016	1.561
PL	37	560	268	865
PT	10	72	32	114
RO	10	44	133	187
SE	4	136	153	293
SI	8	49	60	117
SK	6	65	41	112
Total	675	8310	8519	17.504

4. Statistics (3)

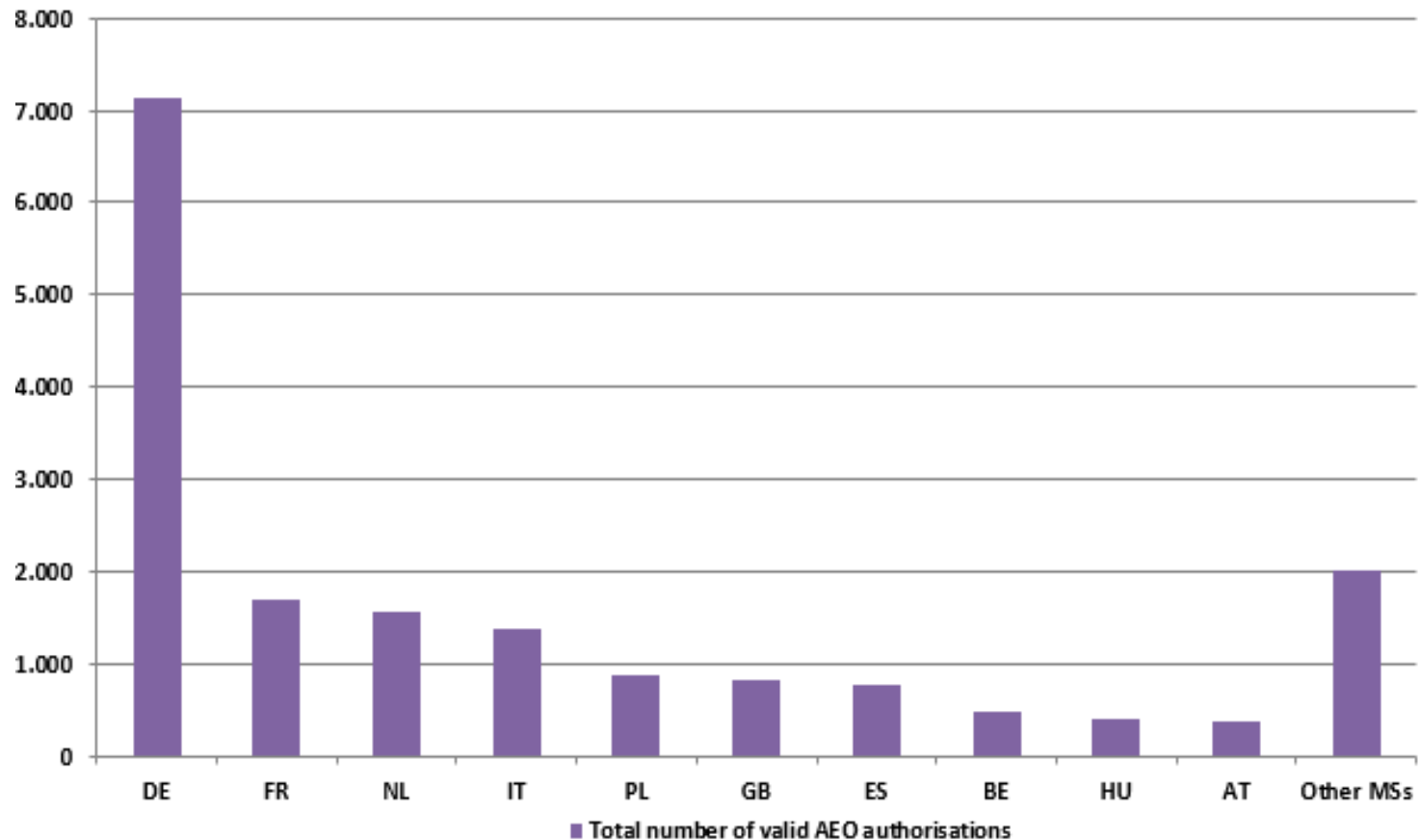




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4. Statistics (3)

Valid AEO authorisations since 01/01/2008 (per issuing MS) (top -10)



4. Statistics (4)

Involvement of AEOs in the supply chain



5. Challenges (1)

- *Implementation*
- *Competences*
- *Risk analysis*
- *Awareness raising and communication*

5. Challenges (2)

- *IT implementation*
- *New trends and technologies*
- *e-Commerce*
- *Postal services*

6. International cooperation (1)

Mutual Recognition of AEO Programmes

- *Key element to strengthen end to end security of international supply chains*
- *Trade facilitation for legitimate and secure operators through **granting substantial, equal and reciprocal benefits to AEOs in partner countries under compatible programmes***

6. International cooperation (2)

The EU experience

- ***EU current Mutual Recognition Agreements:***
 - **Switzerland – 1 July 2009**
 - **Norway - 1 July 2009**
 - **Japan –24 May 2011**
 - **United States of America – 4 May 2012**
 - **People's Republic of China – 16 May 2014**

CONCLUSION

