

9106: Outline and Benefit of Authorized Customs Brokers' Program

1. Summary of the Program

The Authorized Customs Broker's Program (AEO Customs Broker Program) is a program for customs agents possessing optimally developed cargo security control and compliance systems. The program enables application of exemption measures in customs procedures, possibly reducing the lead time in export/import cargo clearance.

2. Advantages of the Program

Approval as an authorized customs broker provides the following exemption measures.

- (1) With the possibility of customs declaration after cargo pickup in the import customs procedures for cargo commissioned from an importer (Exempted Commissioned Import Declaration System), import cargo handling is made smoother and speedier, dramatically increasing broker convenience.
- (2) In export customs procedures for cargo under commission from an exporter, export declaration can be made at a location other than a customs area, provided that the cargo is handled by an authorized logistics operator (Authorized Commissioned Export Declaration), and the lead time and cost are reduced.
- (3) AEO Customs Broker can lodge import/export declarations to any regional customs office, regardless of the placement of bonded area where their cargo is stored. That contributes to improving business efficiency and cost reduction.

Note: For further detail on the Authorized Customs Brokers' Program, please check the Japan Customs website or inquire with the officer in charge of the AEO program at each customs office.

(Article 7-2, 67-2, 67-3, 67-19, 79 of the Customs Act.)

For further information, contact the department in charge of the AEO program.

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