

Awlawia Program (Saudi Authorized Economic Operator Program)

Become a trusted trader and secure customs benefits

Introduction

The KSA Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) programme provides businesses with the opportunity to partner with the Customs Authorities. Businesses who obtain the AEO certificate can realise significant customs benefits, operational efficiencies, enhanced supply chain management and recognition as a trustworthy trading partner both with other customs authorities and businesses. The AEO programme is open to importers, exporters, customs brokers, freight forwarders and any other agents involved in the international supply chain.

The AEO programme is a globally recognised concept as defined by the World Customs Organisation (WCO) SAFE Framework of Standards to Secure and Facilitate Global Trade. In addition to adopting the SAFE framework, the AEO programme is also mutually recognised by other countries, including Bahrain, Jordan, Morocco and Indonesia (planned).

KSA has 200+ certified AEO holders

11 recognised direct benefits

2 mutual recognition agreements

*Source: Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority

Benefits of Obtaining AEO certification

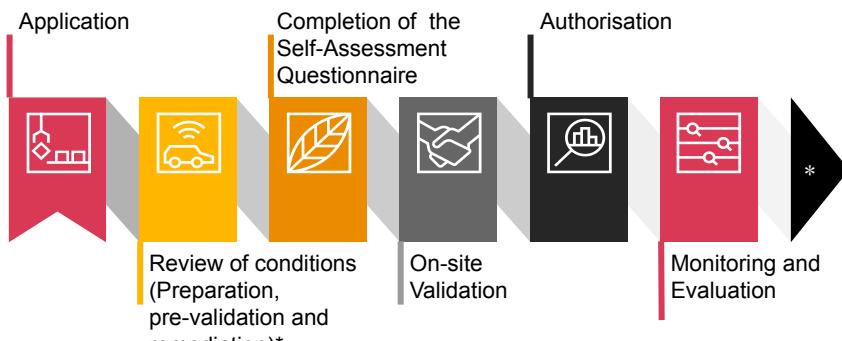
Direct benefits

- Fewer physical and document-based controls
- Use of fast-lane in customs clearance and priority over non-AEO shipments
- Dedicated Key Account Manager (KAM)
- Clearance prior to arrival/departure
- Controls carried out at warehouse or storage facilities
- Mutual recognition of AEO outside country of certification

Indirect benefits

- Cash flow benefits and risk mitigation
- Decreased supply chain disruptions
- Reputational and marketing benefits as a trusted trader
- Improved customer confidence
- Improved relations with customs and other government authorities

Authorisation Process



*This can also be conducted prior to initiating the application process

How PwC Can Help You

Provide tailored information about the AEO benefits and implications

Assist during the validation and audit process

Support during the application process

Assist in process changes as necessary (including remediation) to obtain AEO status

Help during the preparation and completion of the self-assessment questionnaire

Support in the management and maintenance of the AEO certificate

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