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To Traders and Declaring Agents

Dear Sir/Madam

**CHANGE IN JAPAN'S AUTHORISED ECONOMIC OPERATOR CODES AND  
REMINDER ON PROPER DECLARATION OF AUTHORISED ECONOMIC  
OPERATOR INFORMATION**

**Change in Japan's Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Codes**

As part of our continual efforts to enhance global supply chain security and facilitate the movement of legitimate goods, Singapore Customs has signed Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on AEO with seven partner customs administrations since 2010.

2 Under these MRAs, Singapore Customs will recognise the AEO companies under these partner customs administrations' supply chain security programmes as being of lower risk and thus facilitate the clearance of goods that are exported to or imported from these companies. Our partner Customs administrations will likewise recognise Singapore's Secure Trade Partnership-Plus (STP-Plus) companies as being of lower risk, and thus be able to enjoy a higher level of facilitation.

3 Under the Japan-Singapore MRA, which has been operational since 1 Aug 2011, Japan's AEO companies are currently using a 12-character alpha-numeric AEO code. With effect from **1 Apr 2018 (Sun)**, Japan's AEO codes will be changed to **17 numeric characters**.

4 To ensure that the goods imported from or exported to Japan AEO companies continue to enjoy MRA benefits, any Singapore importer importing from Japan AEO exporters or any Singapore exporters exporting to Japan AEO importers are reminded to obtain the new 17-digit Japan AEO codes from their Japan counterparts, and enter the new Japan AEO codes during import or export permit application in TradeNet®.

**Reminder on Proper Declaration of AEO Information**

5 In addition, we would also like to remind companies importing from or exporting to Canada, Republic of Korea, Japan, People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Hong Kong Special Administration Region of the People's Republic of China and United

States to remember to obtain and declare the respective AEO / C-TPAT / STP / STP-Plus codes during permit application in TradeNet®, if they are:

- a) granted Singapore Customs' STP or STP-Plus certification;
- b) importing from AEO exporters located in Canada, Republic of Korea, Japan, People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Hong Kong Special Administration Region of the People's Republic of China and United States; and/or
- c) exporting to AEO importers located in Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong Special Administration Region of the People's Republic of China.

6 The format for declaration of the AEO / C-TPAT / STP / STP-Plus codes in TradeNet® is as follows:

Declaration Field	Information to be declared
Customs Procedure Code (CPC)	<b>AEO</b>
Processing Code 1 (PC 1)	Either <b>CA, KR, JP, CN, TW, HK</b> or <b>US</b>
Processing Code 2 (PC 2)	AEO / C-TPAT / STP / STP-Plus codes

### **More Information**

7 Details on our STP programme and MRA can be found at: <https://www.customs.gov.sg> > Business > Customs' Schemes, Licences & Framework > STP & STP-Plus.

8 For further enquiries and clarifications, please email us at [customs\\_schemes@customs.gov.sg](mailto:customs_schemes@customs.gov.sg).

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